

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The President's
Health

THE conviction grows—though many are reluctant to admit it—that President Eisenhower in office for a full first term, let alone a second. Carefully worded statements by specialists on his health and the reticence of Republican Party officials on the President's future combine to suggest that only a miraculous recovery will enable him to resume full-time duties.

It appears that doctors are trying to ease public anxiety by suggesting that the slight setback in his condition on Monday was not entirely unexpected. The first two weeks are said to be "crucial" following a heart attack because during this period a scar forms over the damaged muscle tissue in the heart. This is possibly true and it would, of course, be premature to make any official pronouncement at this stage on his future—regardless of the rate and the extent of his recovery. But many indications point to an early retirement.

INFORMED correspondents in Washington say that Mr. Eisenhower, aware of his condition, has made it as clear as possible to his colleagues in recent months that it would be unwise to count on his acceptance of the nomination for a second term. Few were prepared to regard his many hints as a serious threat. And to the party in general it was unthinkable that any one but "Ike" would stand.

Something of the dread with which the nation contemplated its government without its popular and benevolent President at the helm was revealed in the Wall Street crash last Monday. Granted the initial reaction was one of shock, but it was followed by fear and apprehension. "What happens if he goes," was the question asked throughout America, indeed throughout the free world.

While the concern of the American people for their President is understandable and while all wish him a complete and speedy recovery, it would be sensible for all Republicans to realise that the "unthinkable" and the "impossible" are now in fact both thinkable and, more than possible, very probable. It would be unfair to wait for Mr. Eisenhower to decide his own future. His soldier's sense of duty might incline him to fight on regardless of the odds.

THE Republicans have at least 12 months to prepare for the nomination of the next presidential candidate. They would be wise to use this time in weighing the qualifications and the relative merits of their most prominent men—for the Democrat opponent, whether it is Mr. Stevenson or Mr. Harriman—will provide strong opposition, and possibly much stronger opposition than in 1952 when the Republican champion was a national hero.

Mr. Nixon, the Vice-President, is regarded in some quarters as an able successor, but it is not clear whether he has wide enough support within the party to achieve the solidarity that has marked President Eisenhower's term of office. Factional disputes and last minute cleavages within the party ranks might prove fatal to its chances. The dilemma the party finds itself in at the moment is unpleasant, but it is a situation that calls for realistic thinking and immediate preparation.

BUTLER'S "DEFEND THE £" PLEDGE

New Measures To Check Spending Spree Expected



Hector McNeill Stricken

Condition Grave

New York, Oct. 4. Mr. Hector McNeill, a British Labour Party leader, suffered a stroke while on his way to the United States in the liner Queen Mary which docked here today.

He was taken immediately to Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre in New York.

A hospital spokesman said that his condition was considered "very grave." He added the "outlook is considered grave."—Reuter.

3 Presidents Re-elected

Paris, Oct. 4. M. Pierre Schmitter, Popular Republican, was re-elected as President of the French National Assembly when it reconvened today.

M. Schmitter received 295 votes against 155 cast for the Socialist, Andre le Troquer, and 91 votes for Marcel Cachin, veteran Communist deputy.

M. Gaston Monnerville was re-elected President of the French Senate for the 13th time by 210 votes to 40.

M. Albert Sarraut was re-elected President of the Assembly of the French Union for the fourth time by 101 votes to 11.—Reuter.

PERON HARD-UP

Asuncion, Oct. 4. Ex-President Juan Peron told the United Press today that because "I do not have sufficient money at the moment to make the trip" he will not go into exile in Europe. Instead, he said, he will remain here indefinitely.—United Press.

MONKS INVADE SCHOOL

Ragusa, Sicily, Oct. 4. Italian police restored order as a local high school today followed by barefoot Carmelite monks. The monks, claiming the school belonged to them from a law dating back to 1860, yesterday attempted to take it away from its current state-run management. Police reported a body of the monks, belonging to the barefoot or Calced Order of the Carmelites, penetrated the school in the middle of the previous night.

London, Oct. 4. Mr. R. A. Butler, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, pledged tonight he would "at all costs" defend the pound sterling and made it clear he intends to take new steps to stem inflation in Britain.

He was speaking at the Lord Mayor of London's dinner to bankers and merchants—a few hours after the Treasury had disclosed a big September dip of \$112 million in Britain's vital gold and dollar reserves.

Mr Butler pointed out that this loss had taken place in the first half of the month while adverse rumours about sterling were rife.

After he had spoken to the International Monetary Fund at Istanbul—dismissing speculation that the pound was to be devalued—the slide in the reserves ceased.

Saying the pound was now firmer, the Chancellor added: "We must now assist sterling to carry forward its recovery by showing our continuing determination to deal with inflation at home. Then I believe sterling will regain its full strength."

Any measures necessary would be announced to Parliament as soon as it met after the summer recess at the end of this month, he said.

The Chancellor, who has already this year clamped down on borrowing from banks, gave no hint of what steps he intended to take.

One suggestion going the rounds is that he will increase purchase tax on luxury goods, especially automobiles, to curb Britain's inflationary spending spree.

TWO SIDES

Mr Butler summed up two sides of Britain's present economy as follows.

On the one hand a gratifying rise in production and exports and a general spirit of confidence.

On the other side a big rise in imports, the pressure of additional wage demands and an acute shortage of labour.

But, he said, he did not want anyone at home or abroad to misjudge the nature of the problem.

"These are not the difficulties of a country which is running into trouble through inertia or flabbiness," he said.

"Rather, we are suffering from the effects of buoyant export coupled with insufficient restraint at home."

"This restraint is to be intensified,"—Reuter.

LIKELY CUTS

London, Oct. 4. Britain will reduce its defence expenditure and social services, informed sources here believed, following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement tonight of a forthcoming slash in British Government expenditure.

These sources believed that Mr Butler would present the projected cuts in a special budget to be presented to Parliament when it reconvenes on October 25.

Mr Butler emphasised that economic measures, made necessary by a drop in Britain's gold and dollar reserves, would have to be shared equally by all sections of the people.

Informed sources believed that Mr Butler would try to establish a long-term foundation

for a healthy British economy. The British world trade position has been weakened recently by increasing competition from West Germany, Japan and the United States in world markets, the sources said.—France-Press.

Tribute To Sir Alexander

New York, Oct. 4. Mr Krishna Menon, India's chief delegate, paid a tribute to Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor of Hongkong, when he referred to colonial problems in his speech before the United Nations General Assembly today.

He mentioned Sir Alexander's name when he spoke of the "large number" of French, British and Belgian administrators who, irrespective of their system and the purposes and protection that went with it, had spent a great part of their lives in the service of dependent peoples.

Besides Sir Alexander Grantham, he also mentioned Sir Edward Twining, Governor of Tanganyika, Sir Charles Arden Clarke, Governor of the Gold Coast, and Sir Andrew Cogen of Uganda.—Reuter.

Woman Fights Off Outlaws

Bone, Algeria, Oct. 4. A mother of eight children, whose husband had just been shot dead by terrorists on a farm near here, slung a heavy shotgun and repulsed a heavy firing through an open window, it was disclosed today.

The mother, Mrs. Pierre Faisel, was at home with two of her children when her husband was killed in the attack, which occurred yesterday.

The terrorists set fire to three straw huts before they retreated under heavy fire from Mrs. Faisel's shotgun.

In another incident, terrorists attacked a farm near the town of Perthevre and set fire to three tractors and a grain harvester.—France-Press.

Lovelorn Mechanic Terrorises Town

Norrtelpp, Sweden, Oct. 4. A Lovelorn-mechanic mechanic terrorised this city last night in a stolen plane which he threatened to crash in a suicide attempt into the home of his wife.

The novel "suicide" attempt ended, however, when the plane crashed into a power line just outside of town. The mechanic, whom police said never piloted a powered aircraft before, escaped with a strained shoulder and minor facial bruises. He took a taxi back to town and was arrested by waiting police at the city limits.—United Press.

"Liberation Of Algeria & Morocco" Unified Command Announced

Cairo, Oct. 4. A leading Moroccan Nationalist today announced the creation of a "unified command to direct the struggle for liberation in Algeria and Morocco."

He also announced the formation of "an army of liberation of North Africa."

The announcement was made by Allal El Fassi, a leader of the Moroccan Nationalist Party, the Istiqlal, at a press conference in Cairo.

He said: "The movement of North African liberation is entering into a new phase where essential element is the co-ordination of objectives and of military action for the achievement of their single aim."

"The independence of the countries of the Arab Maghrib (North Africa) and the return of Sultan of Morocco Mohammed Ben Youssef to his throne."

AGREEMENTS

Allal El Fassi was asked by reporters if he recognised the agreement concluded in Madagascar between ex-Sultan Ben Youssef and French envoy General Georges Catroux.

Fassi replied: "We have not seen this agreement but we are certain that Ben Youssef would never sign an agreement contrary to the interest of Morocco."

The Nationalist leader was then asked if the decision to unify the "liberation armies" in Algeria and Morocco were not contrary to the agreement concluded in Aix Les Bains between France and the Istiqlal Executive Committee. He replied: "France has not carried out these agreements and this is one of the main reasons for this unification."

A French journalist then pointed out that France had none the less obtained the departure of Sultan Ben Arafa. El Fassi retorted that Ben Arafa "has only left physically" and that he had left his representative Abdallah Ben Hadj in his place.

SENTIMENTS EXALTED

The next question was: "Has the decision to unify the Algerian and Moroccan movements been influenced by the United Nations decision to place Algeria on the agenda of the General Assembly?" El Fassi replied: "This victory has exalted the sentiments of the Arab peoples."

The Nationalist leader, asked if the Istiqlal Executive Committee approved the decision to unify the Algerian and Moroccan movements, said: "The heads of the liberation army have not consulted the political leaders. The liberation army is composed of all parties."

Asked where the headquarters of the unified command was, Fassi said: "In a secret place somewhere in Algeria and Morocco."—France-Press.

Rebels Attack Outpost

Rabat, Oct. 4. Sixty strongly armed rebels attacked a company of French Alpine troops holding an outpost at Tafaralt near the frontier between French Morocco and Algeria last night.

This attack was much further east than the five other raids made since the withdrawal from Rabat of Sultan Ben Arafa. Tafaralt is about 20 miles from the Spanish Moroccan frontier.

The rebels tried to overwhelm the outpost but were beaten off. One rebel was killed. The attackers wore khaki shirts, trousers and a blouse and were equipped with two hand grenades each, a British-type rifle and combat boots.

This was the only important engagement reported last night in French Morocco.—France-Press.

19-Year-Old Wife Sails For HK



Mrs. Joyce Jackson, 19, waved as she left Southampton last week to join her Navy husband, who is also 19, in Hong Kong, after a last-minute intervention by Mr. W. S. Morrison, Speaker of the House of Commons, had gained her permission to sail. Earlier, the Admiralty had told Mrs. Jackson she could not join her husband because he is only 19. Mr. Morrison intervened and the Admiralty relented.—Reuterphoto.

BECAUSE OF IKE'S ILLNESS... NATIONAL PROBLEMS ARE LEFT UNSETTLED

From Rene MacColl

Denver, Colorado, Oct. 4. Mr. Eisenhower will not run again for the presidency of the United States. That is certain. Whatever pressures the Republicans may bring to bear, however high the President's sense of duty, the determination of his family and intimates not to let him jeopardise his life by another four years in the White House will remove him from the political scene.

So the Republicans have lost their greatest standard-bearer, their victory symbol—and may well have lost the next election in consequence too.

But although Mr. Eisenhower's bow-out from politics at the end of his term in January, 1957, poses difficult problems of a long-term nature, the air here in Colorado and over Washington is thick with other problems and questions—all of them pressing and all unanswered. Quite apart from foreign policy matters which are on the mind of Mr. Foster Dulles, Defense Secretary Charles W. Wilson has a tremendous problem of his own; one which is vital not only to America but to the entire Western world.

WHAT IT'S ABOUT

Wilson was on the point of flying out to Denver to discuss it with Mr. Eisenhower when the President had his crippling heart attack.

It is this: Treasury Secretary George Humphrey has been saying the only way he can provide for lower taxes and a balanced budget next year—which would be a tremendous talking point for the Republicans at the elections—is by big slashes in America's armed forces.

The prospect of such slashes genuinely appalled Service chiefs who are saying America's security would be terribly jeopardized.

This sort of problem obviously is one of the gravest which could be contemplated, not only by the United States, but the whole Western alliance. And it is equally certain, although today the President is reported "comfortable, relaxed and cheerful"—it is a problem which cannot possibly be put to him for weeks, and perhaps months to come.

Death Of Greek Premier

Marshal Papagos

Athens, Oct. 4. Greece's war hero, Prime Minister Alexander Papagos, died tonight, to the end refusing to give up his office in the midst of the Cyprus crisis.

The Prime Minister, who held the rank of marshal, was 72. He had been ill for nine months, but held the reins of office throughout his illness.

A few hours before his death was announced in a communique, he had appointed the Foreign Minister, Stephanos Stefanopoulos, acting Prime Minister.

Papagos retained the premiership but appointed Mr. Stefanopoulos acting premier following a Royal request under a constitutional provision that the King should be able to discuss current matters with and consult a responsible premier. This had been impossible lately because of Marshal Papagos' illness.—United Press.

Ex-Red Flier's Plane Missing

New York, Oct. 4.

An armada of search planes scoured the lake-studded territories today for a missing plane piloted by a former Communist after war-botted to the West in a MIG fighter during the Korean war.

Twenty-three planes involved in the search were spurred by a report from a Hudson Bay Company post that an Indian heard a low-flying plane late Thursday night when the missing aircraft disappeared with Joseph Cornack in the pilot's seat.

The Indian's camp is near Stark Lake, on the route of the four-engine York transport plane owned by the Associated Airways and engaged in work on the distant Early Warning (DEW) radar line being built across the top of the continent. Cornack, who flew the MIG to a United Nations base in Korea, giving Western experts their first close look at the Russian-built jet, had as co-pilot Gerhart Loze, 27, also an expert flier and a veteran of the Royal Dutch Air Force.—United Press.

Killed By Glass Splinter

Naples, Oct. 4. Antonietta Cascone, 35, was killed by a splinter when a bottle of tomato juice exploded in her hands.—China Mail Special.

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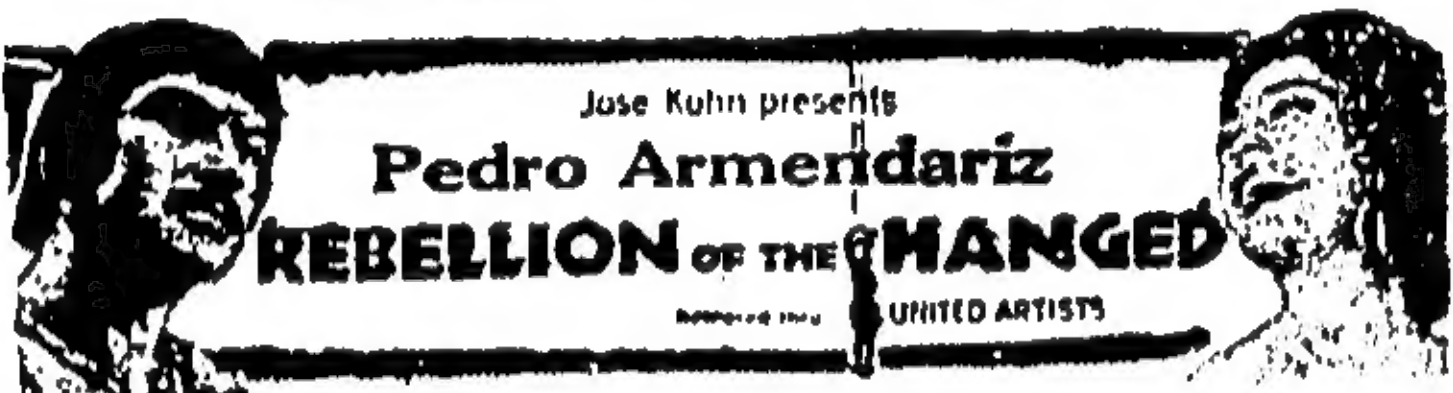


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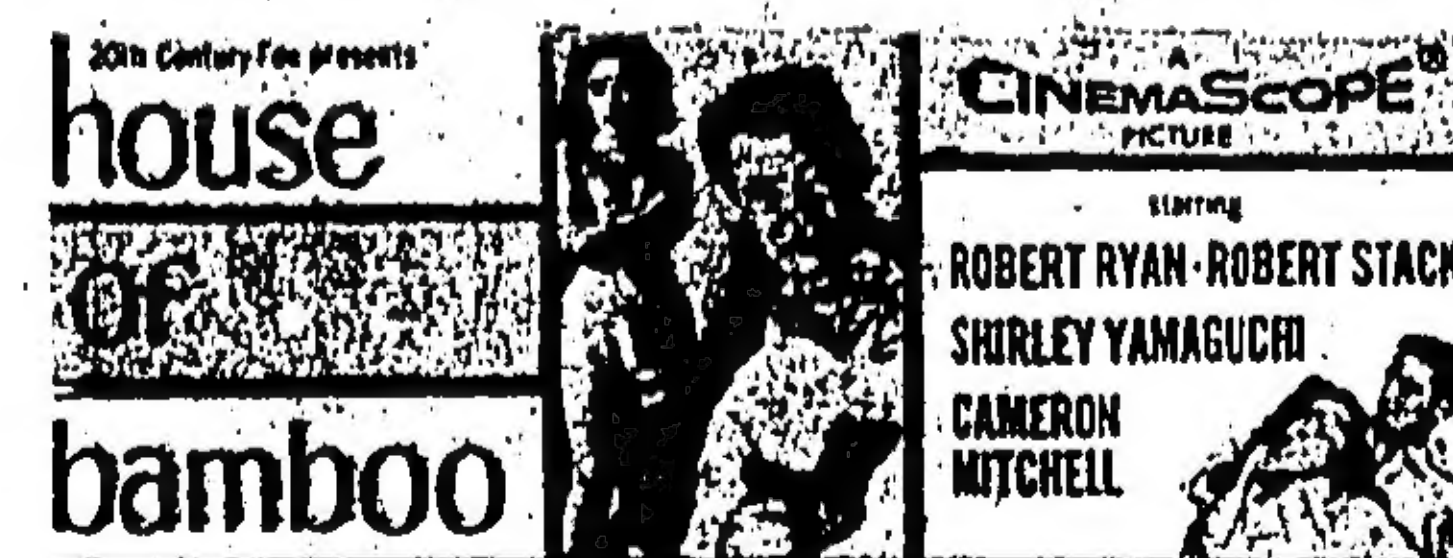
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CZECH ARMS FOR EGYPT

Nasser Rejects Submissions By American Envoy

Cairo, Oct. 4.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr George Allen left for Syria today. It appeared he had failed to shake the Egyptian Prime Minister's determination to buy arms from Czechoslovakia.

Mr Allen spent five days in Cairo. He had two long conferences which Colonel Nasser, the Premier, and talks with the British and French Ambassadors.

Mr Henry Byroade, U.S. Ambassador, accompanied Mr Allen in his talks with Colonel Nasser.

Mr Allen gave no press conference during his visit and was extremely reticent about his negotiations. It was reported in diplomatic quarters that he used no strong language in trying to dissuade Colonel Nasser from buying arms from Iron Curtain countries.

Other Deals?

Instead he tried to clear up misunderstandings existing between the two countries.

One question which concerned Mr Allen was whether the agreement with Czechoslovakia might lead to others between Egypt and Communist bloc countries.

It is indicated that if Israel receives arms from any foreign countries, the Arab states and notably Syria will seek them from the Communists.

So far as is known Mr Allen did not mention the possibility that the United States might supply arms to Egypt. It is known that arms were offered in June, but under the terms of the sale Egypt would have to pay for them in dollars. Because of her shortage of this currency, she was unwilling to do this. —United Press.

Hello London!



★ Here is Johnnie Ray seen arriving at London airport last month to carry out commercial TV and stage commitments. He was greeted by his usual crowd of girl fans. In this picture he's waving to some of them — Central Press Photo.

Lady Eden Honoured

London, Oct. 4.

Lady Eden, wife of the Prime Minister, was made an honorary member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at a reception given in London to right by the American Ambassador, Mr Winthrop Aldrich.

Although not present at the reception, ex-Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, was also made an honorary member.

Members of the General Society at present in London are due to return to Chicago by BOAC Strato-cruiser tomorrow. They arrived in London on September 22. They have been visiting the homes and churches of their ancestors in England and the Netherlands. —France-Press.

IKE FEELING JUST FINE

Denver, Oct. 4.

President Eisenhower, who is recovering from a heart attack, is feeling "perfectly fine" and his morale is "excellent", the President's doctors said today.

The White House press chief, Mr James Hagerty, said President Eisenhower was to meet today and tomorrow with the presidential assistant Mr Sherman Adams. He will leave tomorrow for Washington where he will attend a meeting of the National Security Council on Thursday and a Cabinet meeting on Friday. —France-Press.

Diem Cracks Down On Racketeers

Saigon, Oct. 4.

The death penalty for activities disrupting the nation's economy has been decreed by Premier Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam. The new decree concerns "those who effect or attempt to effect falls or rises in prices of any goods or merchandise or who manipulate or attempt to manipulate exchange rates, and public bond and currency." —France-Press.

RITA & PRINCE ALY MAKE IT UP

Champagne Party In A Paris Hotel

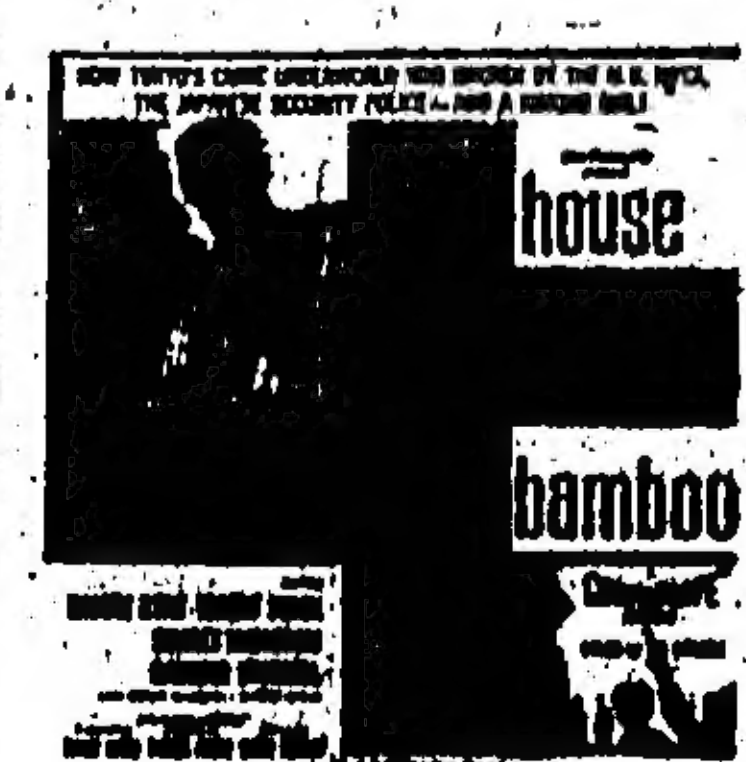
Paris, Oct. 4.
Prince Aly Khan began his second courtship of actress Rita Hayworth today with a midnight champagne supper and an hour-long tete-a-tete behind the drawn curtains of her hotel suite.

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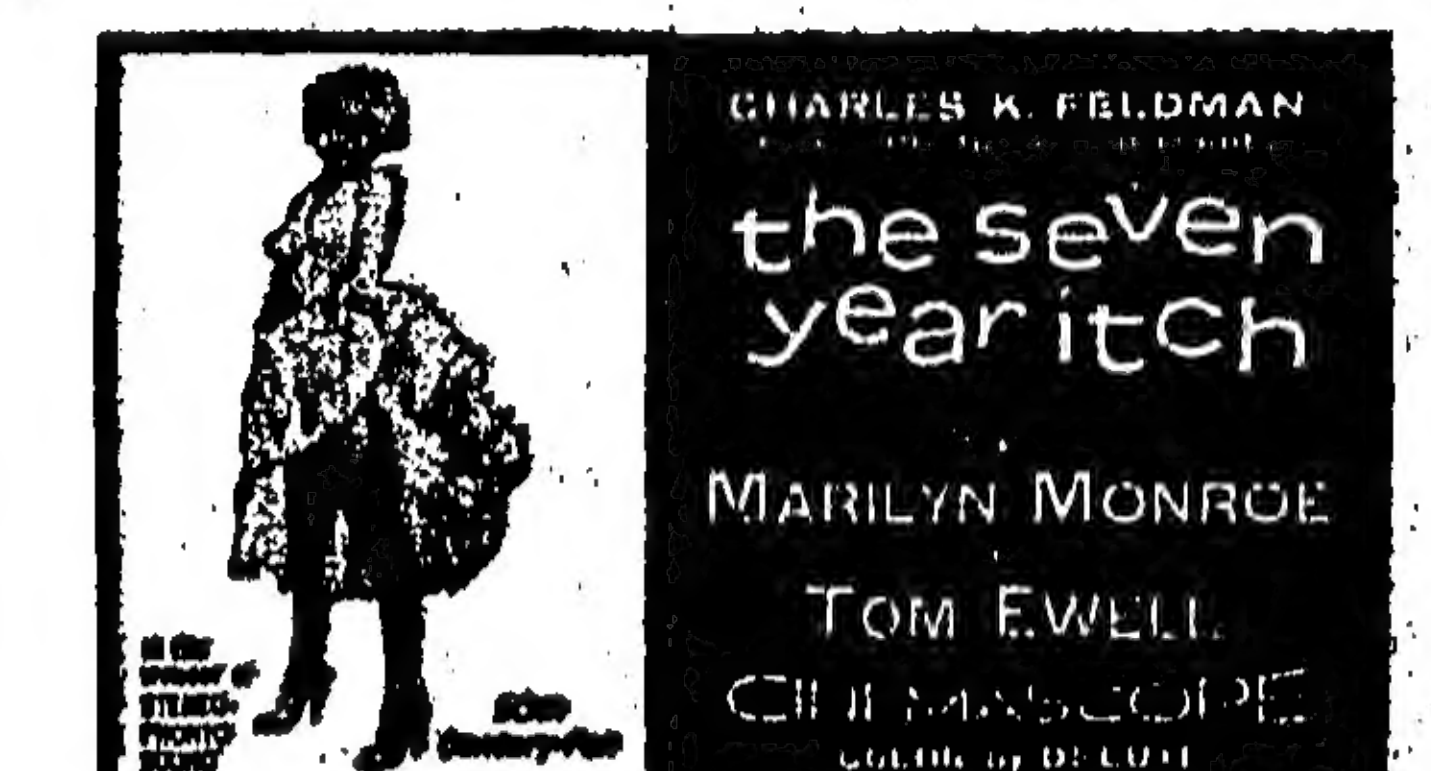
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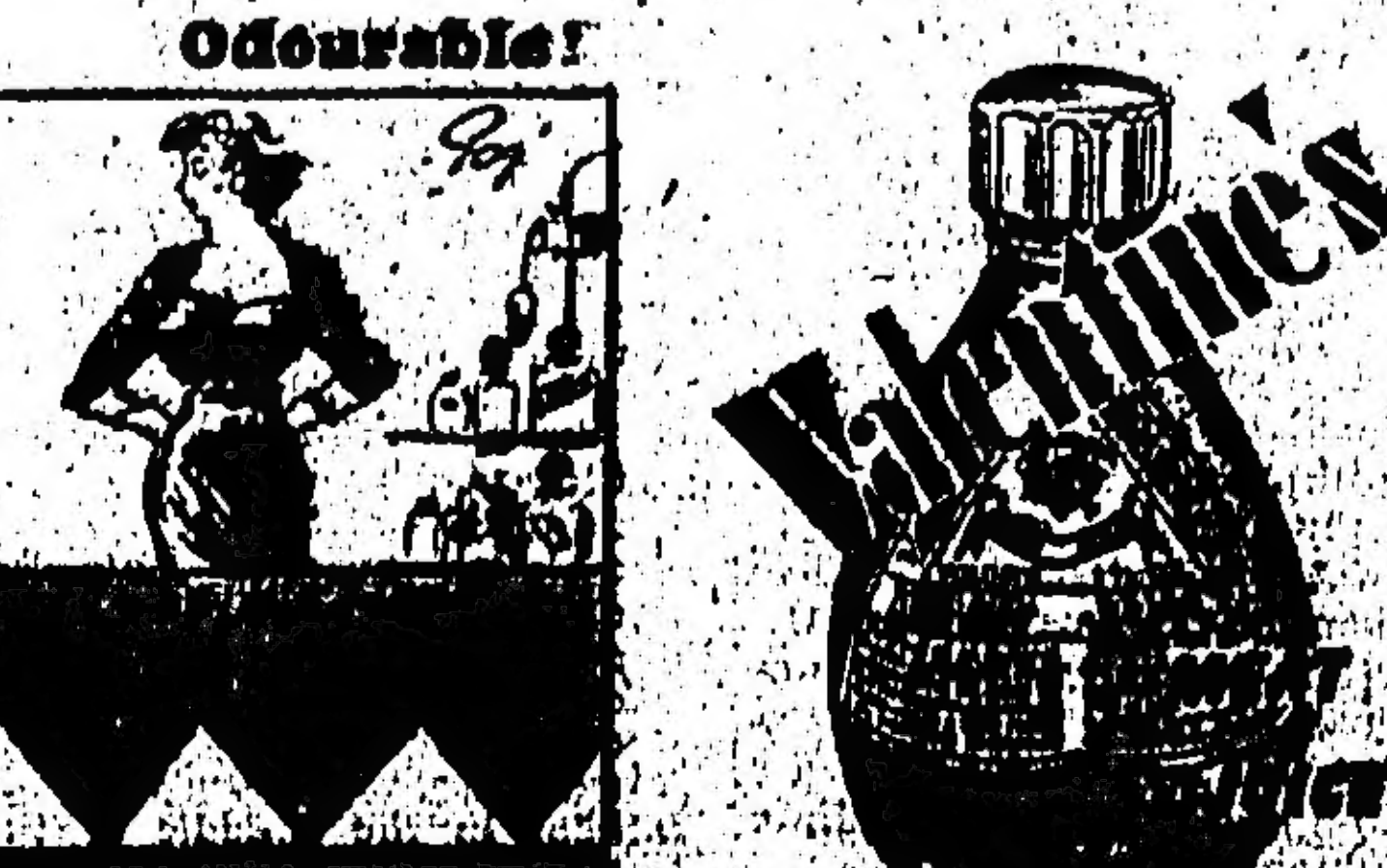
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Elections NATIONALISTS LEAD IN INDONESIA

Djakarta, Indonesia, Oct. 5.
Latest unofficial election results tabulated early this (Wednesday) morning showed the Nationalists still strongly in the lead with 5,593,823 votes.

The Moslem Scholars had 5,320,730, the Communists 5,123,142, and the Masjumi Moslems 4,003,824.

The results comprised votes from 55,000 of the total of 80,000 polling stations. — United Press.

DE BARROS IS WINNING IN BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 4.
Socialist Progressive Party candidate Ademar de Barros was leading in the Brazilian Presidential elections today with 54,007 votes, latest tabulations showed.

General Juarez Tavoras, who is backed by the Christian Democrats, was in second place with 43,581 votes, Juscelino Kubitschek, backed by the Social Democrats and Labour, was third with 40,040 and Plinio Salgado of the Nationalist Popular Party was fourth with 12,977.

In the Vice-Presidential race Tavoras's running mate, Milton Campos, a lawyer, was leading with 54,007 votes, followed by Kubitschek's running mate, Ex-Minister of Labour, Jose Guarnieri, with 40,763. Dr Barros's running mate, Danton Coelho, a newspaper editor, was third with 33,017 votes.

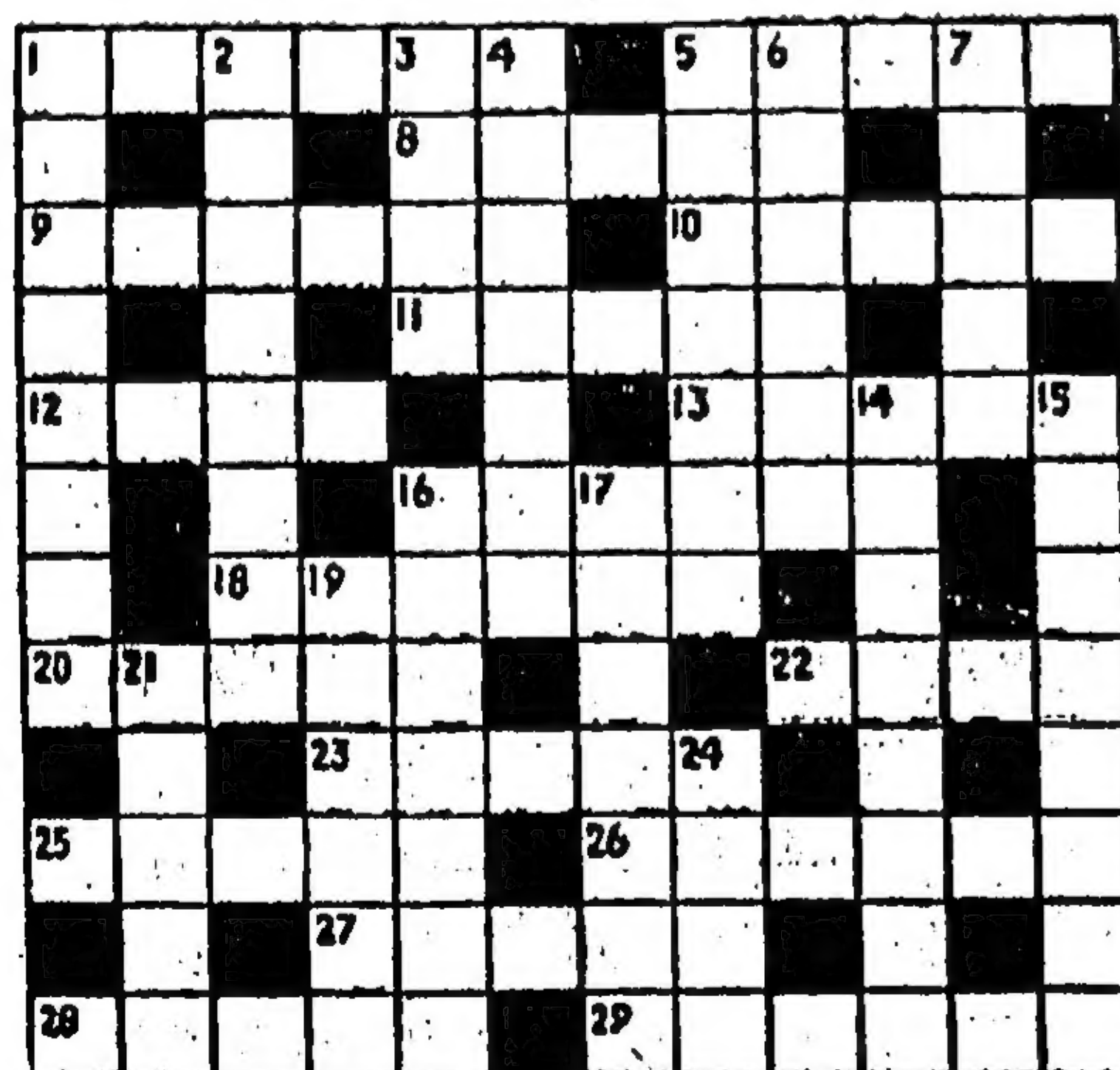
So far, about one and one-half per cent of the estimated 10,000,000 votes cast in the presidential elections have been tabulated. — France-Press.

New Ship For Colombo Trade

Colombo, Oct. 4.
A new merchant vessel, "Malim", has been brought into Colombo by a Ceylonese crew. The crew had earlier flown to Singapore to bring the vessel, which had been purchased by Eastern Star Lines for service between Colombo and South India.

The "Malim" was the second vessel to be purchased by the Ceylonese Line, the other being the "Rio Benga". — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Extend (6).
 - Month (5).
 - Metric measure (5).
 - Senior nurse (6).
 - Willow (5).
 - Fellow (5).
 - Deposited (4).
 - Low flying speed (5).
 - Trill (6).
 - Poetry (6).
 - Stadium (5).
 - Terrible (4).
 - Purloined (5).
 - Wireless (5).
 - Shaw (5).
 - Avoids (6).
 - Games in (6).
- DOWN
- Pudding ingredient (6).
 - Got back (6).
 - Medicinal plant (4).
 - Méals (7).
 - Awakens (7).
 - Foreign coin (5).
 - Perce (5).
 - Confederacy (8).
 - Image (8).
 - Speakers (7).
 - Exhaust (7).
 - Flag (6).
 - Attain (5).
 - Uniform (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Delude, 5 Lodge, 9 Urge, 11 Inside, 12 Precise, 14 Onus, 16 Rucks, 18 Class, 20 Rent, 22 Elucid, 24 Darn, 26 Soliman, 28 Rover, 29 Lined, 30 Debris. Down—1 Dail, 2 Day, 3 Duff, 4 Excess, 5 Leisure, 6 Denial, 7 Earnest, 10 Iron, 13 Scandal, 14 Obscene, 16 Undered, 17 Anvil, 19 Raised, 21 Core, 23 Tear, 25 Oiled.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UN

New York, Oct. 4.

The special political committee of the United Nations General Assembly was informed today that there was a reasonable hope that a "happy solution" to the deadlock problem of admission of new members to the world organization might be achieved.

It therefore decided to put the question at the end of its agenda to see what developed when the Security Council met on the problem this autumn.

The committee decided to take up first the question of racial conflict in South Africa, the Palestine refugee problem second, and the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa third.

It also elected Dr R. A. Mackay of Canada as vice chairman, and Mr Charles King of Liberia as rapporteur. Prince Wan Wathayakorn of Thailand had been elected chairman earlier.

The decision to delay taking up the membership problem was made at the suggestion of Mr H. de Souza Gomes of Brazil.

SOLUTION SOUGHT

Specifically the committee will consider a report from a good offices committee seeking a solution to the membership problem in the past year.

It was composed of Dr Victor Andre Belaunde of Peru, Mr C. W. A. Schumann of The Netherlands and Mr Abdel Meguid Ramadan of Egypt. Their report, published on September 19, gave a hint of a break in the deadlock to the membership question saying that the permanent members of the Security Council, although continuing to adhere to their

position on the question of admission, conveyed the impression that "such adherence was not necessarily immutable in view of the current evolution of the international atmosphere."

Noting that the Security Council will meet later this autumn to take up the membership question, the Brazilian delegate said that it appeared from statements made during the Assembly's last concluded general debate that there was a desire to arrive at agreement on the membership question.

REASONABLE HOPE

"It appears, thanks to a relaxation of tensions among the permanent members of the Security Council, that there is a reasonable hope that a happy solution may be achieved," he said. "We may hope that agreement will be found."

Dr Belaunde agreed that it should be considered at the last, telling the committee that it could not be discussed until the report of the Security

Council on membership was before it.

"I should like to express the hope that the change in the international atmosphere will make solution of this problem easier," he added.

The most recent application for membership was submitted last month by Spain.

PACKAGE DEAL

It was reported today that before leaving for Moscow last week end, Mr V. M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, promised Dr Belaunde to consider a new "package" deal under which 16 countries, including Japan and Spain, would be admitted.

The proposed package would be composed of five Soviet-sponsored countries, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Albania and Outer Mongolia; and—in addition to Japan and Spain—Austria, Italy, Finland, Cambodia, Laos, Ceylon, Ireland, Jordan, Libya, Nepal and Portugal. — Reuters.

Menon's "Filibuster" At General Assembly

New York, Oct. 4.
Mr V.K. Krishna Menon, chief Indian delegate to the United Nations, said today that India had "every reason" to think that the London talks between Russia and Japan on a peace treaty would come to an early and satisfactory conclusion.

In an address winding up the general debate in the General Assembly lasting two hours and five minutes—the longest delivered by any of the 46 diplomats who spoke in the debate—Mr Menon also hinted at the possibility of agreement on all-Korean elections.

He stressed that it was India's "informed judgment" that

there would be no insurmountable objections in principle to establishing elections under international control.

Mr Menon also told the Assembly that he believed it would be possible to bring about a reconciliation between Communist China and the United States.

He thought this could be developed along the lines of relaxation of tensions and restrictions on trade and more particularly the grave problem of the coastal areas of China.

U.S. AND CHINA

The Indian delegate said he hoped the present Geneva negotiations between the United States and China "would lead to direct meetings at different levels."

"This was taken as a plea for negotiations between Mr Chou En-lai and Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State."

Mr Menon expressed really deep regret at the withdrawal of the French delegation from the Assembly in protest against the decision to debate Algeria.

Mr Menon referred briefly to the question of God—a problem that was "exercising the minds and the public opinion of the India people."

Mr Menon said that he was not bringing this question before the world organization, but said it would be a great pity if members of the international community did not understand India's "restraint and forbearance" in this matter.

On the question of Cyprus, Mr Menon said that India's position was that the Cypriot nation "was entitled to its independence."

He said he hoped greater attention would be paid to getting the two halves of Germany together.

KOREA ELECTIONS

On the Korean question, Mr Menon said: "It is our considered view and our informed judgment—and I stress the words informed judgment—that there are no insurmountable objections in principle to establishing elections under international control in Korea."

It was a great mistake to think that Korea was an isolated problem best left alone.

"It is part of the running score in Asia," he added.

On Indo-China, Mr Menon referred to the establishment of last year's Geneva conference of an international commission headed by India and including Canada and Poland.

He said that the future of peace in the Indo-China area

depended on adherence to and the implementation both in the letter and spirit of the Geneva agreement.

Mr Menon said that negotiations were now going on between the Soviet Union and Japan. He hoped they would come to an early conclusion.

"We have every reason to think that this will be the case and our good wishes now go to those struggling with this problem."

JAPAN TREATY

The conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan would enable greater co-operation in Asia and greatly strengthen the United Nations.

Mr Menon discussed at length the situation between China and the United States.

"It is both the endeavour and the desire of our government to assist in the rapprochement of these two great countries," he said, adding, however, that India was not offering mediation since it was not appropriate.

Since the direct talks between the two countries started at Geneva, Mr Menon said, it has been possible to "make some progress."

"This progress has been somewhat maintained," he added. Mr Menon said it was the view of the Indian government that the Chinese government wanted to settle the Formosa problem by "peaceful methods."

PEKING TALKS

In talks at Peking, he added, Chinese leaders had expressed their desire to "do it this way and embark on negotiations for this purpose."

Explaining India's role in world affairs, Mr Menon said that it was attempting to extend the areas of friendship between nations and to promote "world co-existence." To that end it did not belong to any military bloc nor did it consider itself a third force.

Concluding Mr Menon said that on the whole "we seem to be fulfilling an attitude and approach that makes solution of these problems possible."

Mr Menon again referred to the subject of disarmament and commended to the Assembly's attention two suggestions made by India—that there be a truce in the armaments race pending agreement on disarmament and that there be a halt to atomic and hydrogen test explosions.

But he continued to say that disarmament alone was not enough since it was not the establishment of peace. "We can establish peace only when nations have decided to co-exist, and this can be done only when nations are satisfied," he said. — Reuters.



Proud of the skill and reputation of its firemen, Milan, Italy, keeps them in up-to-the-minute condition by elaborate firefighting exercise, one of which was held last week. Pictured here, a squad of Milanese firemen scale ladders during the exercise. — Daily Express Photo.

New Life For A French Marquis (BENEDICTINE MONK)

Auxerre, France, Oct. 4.
French Marquis Melchior De Vogue, who was one of the leading members of the international social register, began a new life today when he received the black robe of the Benedictine monks in a simple ceremony here.

The Marquis, who with his wife entered a religious order weeks ago, received the robe from the hands of the Prior of the Pierre-Quil-Vire Monastery, in

the Yonne Department, which the Marquis has entered.

The four sons of the Marquis were present for the ceremony. After the Prior, in person, had washed the right foot of the Marquis, the monks of the monastery prostrated themselves and kissed his foot, in sign of brotherly charity and humility.

His wife, the Marquise, has become a nun of the Order of the Sisters of the Assumption, at Paris. — France-Press.

It's A Piece Of Cake



Preparing his giant cake model of Buckingham Palace for the Catering Exhibition which opened on Oct. 1st at London's Olympia is the appropriately named Mr Alfred Sweet. Watching her uncle at work is British TV actress Sheila Sweet, who looks to us like a pretty good model for cheesecake. It'll be a shame when that Palace model has to be eaten, but Mr Sweet deserves a reward for all his hard work. — Daily Express Photo.

OIL-RICH OASIS

Saudi Arabian King Tried To Bribe Tribunal Says Britain

London, Oct. 4.

Britain charged today that the King of Saudi Arabia offered an 84 million dollar bribe to influence an international tribunal's decision on the disputed oil-rich Buraimi Oasis.

An official Foreign Office statement said today: "Finally, confirmation was secured of Her Majesty's Government's suspicions that attempts had been made by the Saudis to tamper with the impartiality of the tribunal behind the president's back."

The Foreign Office said Saudi Arabia wanted to prevent the Iraq Petroleum Company from operating in the Oasis.

The Aramco Oil Company presently holds the concession for operating in Saudi Arabia. Buraimi is located on the Arabian Peninsula near the Gulf of Oman, which lies between the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean.

The Foreign Office said it placed its evidence of bribery and Arab Sheikh intrigue before the tribunal in Geneva last month. The hearing ended abruptly.

Tribunal president Dr Charles de Visscher of Belgium resigned. So did Sir Reader Bullard, tribunal member representing Britain.

The Foreign Office said it had evidence that the fabulously rich King of Saudi Arabia, King Saud, was to pay the £30,000,000 bribe.

Britain charged that "the bribe was offered to Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan, a brother of the present ruler of Abu Dhabi, and his representative in Buraimi."

Abu Dhabi is the largest of the Shakhdoms on the Trucial coast, which runs along the southeastern shore of Arabia.

SUBVERSION BID

"The main charges brought by the U.K. (at the tribunal hearing) against Saudi Arabia were of attempts to overthrow the ruler of Abu Dhabi by force in favour of a Saudi nominee and of deliberate, systematic and persistent large scale bribery calculated to subvert the people in the disputed areas from their allegiance to the ruler of Abu Dhabi or the Sultan of Muscat," the Foreign Office said.

"H.M. Government are now considering in consultation with the Arab rulers whom they represent, the situation caused by the resignation in such circumstances of the two members of the arbitration tribunal," the statement said.

Britain said that Sheikh Hazza, another brother of the ruler of Abu Dhabi, "gave evidence of intrigue between the branches of the ruling family, which is not well disposed towards the present ruler, and Saudi Arabia where they were given a very large sum of money and facilities for obtaining arms."

"He (Hazza) spoke of comparatively small bribes of £375, 10 shillings a month to certain individuals and of a promise to Sheikh Zaid bin Abdullah Al Quasbi, the Saudi agent, that if he would throw in with the Saudis he would be assured of his position in Buraimi and would receive funds from the Saudis and 60 per cent of the profits from any oil that might be discovered there," the Foreign Office statement said.

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TORIES MEET TODAY

Elation Damped By Inflation

Bournemouth, Oct. 4.

Thousands of Conservatives arrived at this fashionable South coast holiday resort tonight for their party's annual conference—first since Sir Anthony Eden's government was returned to power in May.

The Prime Minister's supporters are still in buoyant spirits after their feat of trebling the majority of the former Churchill Conservative government.

But economic problems which have developed since the new government took over have dampened their elation, and ministers are expected to damp down on party complacency in conference speeches between now and Saturday.

Normally this would have been a "victory rally" with the Prime Minister providing its climax with a winding-up speech on Saturday.

But because of the inflationary threat—now clouding the national economic scene—the main spotlight of the conference has switched to Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

TREASURY REPORT

The Treasury chief is due to address the conference on Thursday and the atmosphere of the remainder of the meetings is likely to be conditioned by the cheerfulness or otherwise of his report.

Britain is not facing economic crisis, financial experts agree. Her present economic problems are indeed partly the consequence of an exceptional industrial boom and continuing full employment of the working population.

The trouble stems largely from domestic overspending, which is forcing Britain to spend much more on imports than she can earn from her exports—despite the fact that these are constantly breaking new records.

The Government, watchful of inflation, earlier this year raised the bank rate, clamped down on excessive borrowings and took other protective measures.

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GROUP CAPTAIN PETER TOWNSEND.... WHATEVER HE SAYS, WHATEVER HE DOES, HIS CRITICS WILL FIND HIM WRONG

The TOWNSEND DILEMMA

By Robert Pitman

WHO of all our countrymen most deserves our sympathy and pity?

Without hesitation I say Group Captain Peter Townsend.

Consider the latest reports about the Townsend affair.

An official announcement, we are told, is now being got ready. The text will be examined by the Queen at Balmoral. Then she will discuss it with Sir Anthony Eden.

Finally—my day now—it will be made public. How? Say the reports: "It may come from the Court or from Group Captain Townsend."

Townsend, in other words, may be allowed the special favour of announcing his own wedding—or of calling it off, as the case may be.

But the actual announcement will have already been written for him by the officials. After everyone else has had a look at what he is going to say, he will be allowed to take a look at it himself.

His shadow

THESE proposals, if they are correctly reported, shed a cruel light on Townsend's position in the national scene. He stands there for all to see as the unhappiest sultan of the century.

Suppose that the marriage goes through. Whatever titles are conferred on Peter Townsend, whatever skill and tact he brings to his new life, he will never live down the humiliation and tawdry notoriety of the last few years.

He will always be the Man whom Princess Margaret ought not to have married. The Man who cast his shadow over the royal tradition.

This reputation, of course, will be grotesquely unfair.

But it was first planted in the public mind by his sudden posting to Brussels. And since then it has spread inevitably during two years of tantalising delay which the authorities have unaccountably inflicted on him.

The public could draw only one conclusion from this banishment. Had British officialdom shouted at the top of its cultured voice, it could not have said more plainly: "This is a bad show. Let's hope that she forgets the man. But, if we can't stop the marriage altogether, we'll put it off as long as we can."

Yet what has ever been the case against Townsend as a husband? Throughout his life he has received Britain bravely and well. His public and private reputation gleams spotlessly.

The divorce

ONLY the two familiar objections remain. Townsend's divorce (though he was the innocent party) and the 15 years which separate him from Princess Margaret in age.

These two objections have been solemnly discussed up and down the country. Wise opinion has published freely. But their full fury can only be appreciated when we consider that they both could have been levelled against even Sir Anthony Eden's second marriage.

That marriage has been a triumph. It has added in every way to the affection and respect which people of all parties hold for the Prime Minister.

How monstrous if it had been criticised on account of the same objections which are now levelled against Peter Townsend. And how appalling if Lady Eden

and somehow been edged into a form of exile in the hope that her marriage to Sir Anthony might be postponed for ever.

Certainly Princess Margaret occupied a special position. Certainly, as a princess, she has unique ties with the Crown. Yet so has Sir Anthony. As Prime Minister he personally picks his bishops and senior clerics.

Sad—or gay?

TOWNSEND'S move to Brussels also imposed another lasting stigma. It was a signal to the whole world—the response, if anything, has been less in Britain than elsewhere—that Peter Townsend was a new man. He has thus been made to suffer all the trials of royalty without any of the sympathy and restrained comment which royalty enjoys in return.

Was he sad? Did he sit out each dance at a Brussels ball? The critics shook their heads. Ostentatiously they complained. Too obviously he was pining for his Princess.

Or was he gay? Did he court a Belgian countess at a night club? Once again the muttering was. What, the critics queried, was Townsend's interest in the countess? And they implied: "What goes on for Princess Margaret's suitors?"

Townsend was once known for his seriousness and reserve, even at R.A.F. mess parties. As a Court official his quiet ability earned the King's respect to a degree enjoyed by very few other people.

Now, after two years of drummed-up exile, he is being treated as if he were the comic playboy of the Western world. It is a distinction he will find hard to shake off.

So marriage will not necessarily dispense the shadows for Peter Townsend. But what if there is no marriage? What if the promised statement tells us that the whole thing is off?

A long sigh of well-earned content will murmur through official corridors. The bishops will nod their mitres in a gesture of relief.

But I suspect that the ordinary people will find no reason to rejoice. They will realise that official obstruction has fulfilled its shabby purpose. Either Princess Margaret, or Townsend himself, will have tired of the whole thing. Orthodoxy will have won.

And perhaps thousands of happy married couples may look back to a moment before their own marriage—a moment, it may be, when relations or friends stirred up a swarm of doubts, but when the man in question—unlike Townsend now—was able to say: "Don't listen to these people. We're going through with it."

Shattered

WHAT of Townsend's own future, if the marriage falls through?

His career as a Court official is already shattered. He can hardly advance much further in the Air Force. Some firms, of course, may find his present publicity value a temporary asset; but most positions in business will be shut to him.

Even his hold on society will be precarious. An illogical taint will cling to his name.

In some circles, undoubtedly, he will still be lionised.

Elsa Maxwell will lavish hospitality upon him. American millionaires may find him charming. He may even get to enjoy the life of a playboy.

But his old friends will prefer to remember the time when Peter Townsend insisted on returning to the air war with his wounded foot still in bandages—or the time when, as an official of high promise, he won the regard of a dying king.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



A Sad Short Story Told By

Nathaniel Gubbins

MR SNAPDRAGON had arranged to meet his wife Mrs Snapdragon outside the cinema at 8 o'clock.

As he was about to step off the bus just outside the cinema a few minutes after 8 an impatient young man, who wanted to jump while the bus was still moving, pushed past Mr Snapdragon on the conductor's platform and hit him an accidental blow behind the ear with a sharp elbow.

In the space of one second Mr Snapdragon lost his memory.

Mr Snapdragon stepped off the bus when it stopped. The fact that he didn't know he was Mr Snapdragon seemed of no importance.

All his business worries disappeared because he was not aware he owned a small business about to be swallowed by a bigger business.

No More Worries

HE was unaware he was married or had a boy-crazy daughter who never came home until the early morning or a girl-crazy son who wore his hair long with sideburns.

Even more important, he was completely unaware of the existence of Mrs Snapdragon.

Now that the worries had gone he felt a lot younger than his 35 years. He felt about 35. Looking down at himself he saw he was well dressed in a neat, dark suit. In his pocket-book he found plenty of money.

He thought: "Splendid. Who ever I am I can have a wonderful evening."

In his breast pocket there were some envelopes that might have ruined his evening. They were addressed to George Snapdragon, Esq. But before he could look at them Mrs Snapdragon approached.

In front of him Mr Snapdragon saw a large, fierce, over-dressed woman wearing a small hat tilted over features so strong and masculine that she looked like a female impersonator.

As it was an evening out, with supper after the cinema, Mrs Snapdragon wore her jewels. On her fingers, scarlet at the tips like the blood-stained claws of a man-eating tigress, were diamond and ruby rings.

"You're late," said Mrs Snapdragon. Mr Snapdragon came to an unfortunate conclusion about Mrs Snapdragon. This gaily creature was a stranger who had walked up to him after seeing him count his money. "Women of your sort," he said, "usually call a customer 'dear'."

Mrs Snapdragon also came to an unfortunate conclusion about Mr Snapdragon. Years ago she had changed his habits. Now he had broken out again.

"You're drunk," she said. "Just when we were going to have a good time."

"Good time with you?" asked Mr Snapdragon. "Don't be silly. I don't know you and don't want to know you."

"You'd better come home," she said. "Oh, ho," said Mr Snapdragon. "So that's the lark, is it? I go home with you and what do I find? Your accomplice with a camera and ideas about blackmail!"

"Come home at once," she said, gripping his arm. "Take your dirty hands off me!" shouted Mr Snapdragon, "or I'll call the police."

His loud voice attracted a small crowd, which gathered round them. "What's she trying to do to you, chum?" asked a man. "She wants me to go home with her," said Mr Snapdragon. "Don't you do it, chum," said the man. "If you went along of 'er she'd sicken you alive. You wouldn't even 'ave your fare back 'ome."

"It makes you ashamed of your sex," said a woman, glaring at Mrs Snapdragon.

"They ought to be locked up," said another woman. "Anging would be too good for 'er sort," said the first.

A policeman pushed his way through the crowd. "What's going on here?" he asked.

"She's been accosted," said the man. "Disgraceful," said the first woman. "She's old enough to be a grandmother."

"Do you wish to charge this woman with accosting?" the policeman asked Mr Snapdragon. "Certainly not," said Mr Snapdragon. "She has to earn her living like everybody else. And it must be hard at her age."

"We're trying to get these women off the streets," said the policeman, "but if people won't make a charge we can't do anything."

Mrs Snapdragon was crying now. "George," she pleaded, "George, do come home."

"Is your name George?" asked the policeman. "I don't think so," said Mr Snapdragon. "I expect she calls all her boy friends George."

"He's my husband," said Mrs Snapdragon. "Is this woman your wife?" asked the policeman.

"Don't make me laugh," said Mr Snapdragon. "I've never seen her before."

"Well," said the policeman, "I heard her ask you home. And you say she's a stranger. That's good enough for me."

Always The Same

A WILD-EYED sandwich-man, with placards bearing the inscriptions THE DAY OF DOOM IS AT HAND and RE-PEATING BEFORE THE COMING OF THE WEATHER, pushed his way through the crowd.

"Repeat ye, O woman of Belial," he yelled at Mrs Snapdragon. "Abandon ye the evil ways of the wanton, for the Day of Judgment is at hand."

"There you are," said the first woman. "A judgment on 'er."

"Do 'er more good if she 'ad the cat," said the second. "Move along there," said the policeman to the sandwich-man. "A minion of the law shall not prevent me from saving a soul from hell," the sandwich-man shouted, rushing at Mrs Snapdragon.

She was so frightened of the mad eyes of the sandwich-man that she took drastic action. She grabbed her husband frantically.

"You'll come home now if I have to carry you," she said. "She's running off with the poor little sucker," shouted the first woman.

In the scramble that followed Mr Snapdragon was hit under the same ear by another sharp elbow.

In one second his memory came back. He remembered his little business fighting a losing battle, his son, his daughter. He also remembered Mrs Snapdragon.

"You'd better come along quietly," said the policeman to Mrs Snapdragon.

"It's the policeman of the kind," said Mrs Snapdragon. "This man is my husband."

Patiently the policeman again asked Mr Snapdragon: "Is this woman your wife?"

"Yes," said Mr Snapdragon. "Come along," said Mrs Snapdragon. The policeman shrugged his shoulders.

"It's always the same when you try to arrest these women," he told the crowd. "The man says he's her husband and you can't do a thing. Chivalry, I suppose." (World Copyright)

PACIFIC OCEAN MYSTERY

From Ronald Singleton

New York. breaking on it 400 miles northwest of Honolulu—but there was nothing on their maps to identify it.

August 20: The cargo ship Pioneer. Tide steamed through yellow waves near Hawaii.

Scientists say it is volcanic eruption, but there is no proof of whether how islands with foaming mountains are to emerge from the ocean.

Volcanic experts in Honolulu said it was possible that new volcanic life was coming to the chain of reefs and shoals stretching from Hawaii for a thousand miles.

Once it was thought to be volcanically dead. Commenting, Dr. Gordon MacDonald of Honolulu said that the dead volcano could be resurrected into a dangerous monster with strange, silent art.

August 20: United States military and transport planes landed on the island. The planes were loaded with strange, silent art.

IS IT TRUE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE RAF?

By W. A. WATERTON
former squadron leader and top test pilot

IS it true what they say about the Royal Air Force? Is it true that the men who decide the shape of tomorrow's Air Force are a collection of chairborne senior officers who are more skilled at playing politics than at flying aircraft?

Is it true that what counts, if you want gold leaf on your cap peak, is not what you know about super-sonic flight but how you get on with the business of "getting on" with senior civil servants?

Those are the sort of questions that have been raised by Air Chief Marshal Sir Basil Embry.

The trend of what he has said, publicly and privately, is to answer: "Yes, it is true."

And look what has happened to him. He has been, politically, retired from his key job of Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces in Central Europe under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. He has been, last of all, sacked.

No chairborne warrior is Sir Basil. At 53 he knows a great deal about modern flying. At 41, while an air vice-marshal, he was flying fighters under the assumed name of Wing-Commander Smith.

The ages

WHAT of the Air Council, the R.A.F.'s own board of directors?

Nine men make up this policy-making council. Two are politicians, six are R.A.F. senior officers, one is a permanent civil servant.

And here is an odd thing. The politicians are younger than the serving officers.

Lord De Lisle and Dudley, the Air Minister, won the V.C. with the Grenadier Guards in the last war. He is 40. His No. 2, Mr. George Ward, who was a group captain in the war, is 47.

But the youngest of the officers—Air Marshal Sir

Thomas Pike—is 49. And he is the only one who flew operationally during the war.

All the others are old-time Regulars: Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir William Dickson was in the Royal Naval Air Service in the first world war, he is Francis Chief Marshal Sir Francis Tregear, now 58, joined the R.A.F. in 1918; Air Chief Marshals Sir Donald Hardman and Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman began flying in 1917—they are both 56; and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Baker will be 58 this month.

Between them the six have collected one D.S.O., six D.F.C.s, one M.C., three A.F.C.s.

Against that Sir Basil Embry alone has collected four D.S.O.s, one D.F.C., and one A.F.C.

The policy

SO when it comes to talk of chairborne versus chairborne, between men who fly and men who ponder, Sir Basil is entitled to be heard.

His criticisms are valid too for the Air Staff, on which the six air vice marshals are not listed as "having flown operationally since 1941."

In the Home Commands of the R.A.F., seven air marshals range from 47 to 58 years old.

Not until you get to group commanders and below do you find men who flew operationally throughout the war. Such men do not make the policy decisions that determine the way the R.A.F. develops.

How is the R.A.F. developing? The men at the top give him, of anything wrong.

On air exercises the bombers always get through. By a strange state of affairs, Fighter Command always manages to defeat the attacking bombers according to what we are told.

Why have we heard so little of the failure of the R.A.F.'s obsolescent fighters to reach or catch jet bombers?

Why have we heard no outcry from "Service" chiefs that their latest equipment leaves Britain lagging behind America and Russia?

Imagine a Hunter trying to shoot down a Superbomber carrying atom bombs at super-sonic speed.

Imagine a Hunter trying to catch the latest Russian tactical fighter-bombers.

That is something the imagination boggles at, for it is asking the impossible.

We must face the truth, as Sir Basil Embry faced it. For years Britain's air umbrella has been a frame without any covering.

No R.A.F. chief has told the country this. They have played the hush-hush game in the name of security.

Is that why they didn't want Sir Basil Embry around?

The men

AND now, the men of the R.A.F.... What is happening to them?

At the end of the war the R.A.F. lost many of its most brilliant operational commanders. Fighter aces like Sturford-Tuck went into industry; others like Robin Johnson went overseas.

The R.A.F. did not seem to offer them much. So they left. And so did many N.C.O.s of long standing. They took with them their irreplaceable skill.

The R.A.F. was weakened in those years. It has never fully recovered.

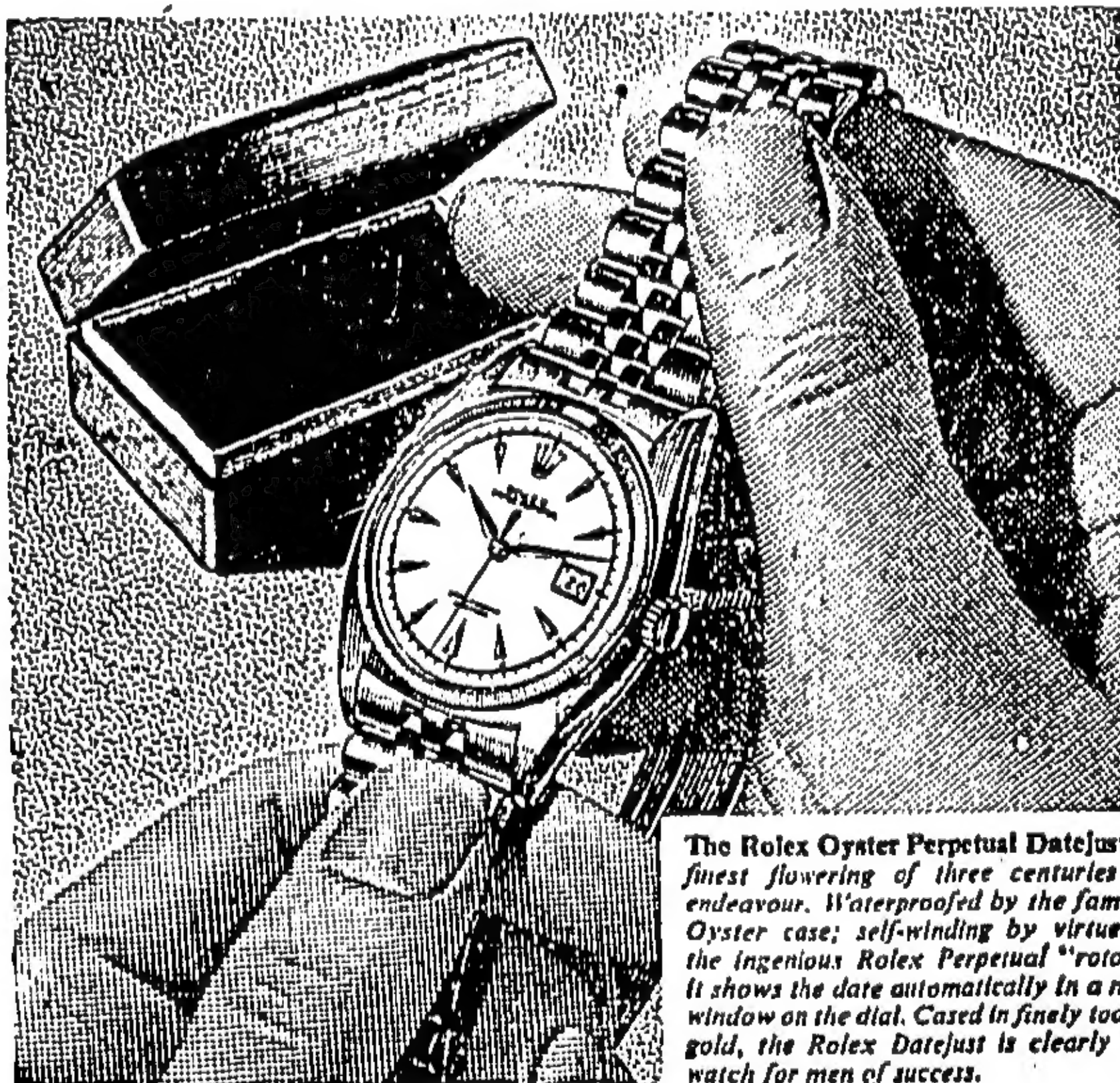
For years the vital ground side of the R.A.F.—the technical section—has been in a mess.

National Service produced the "bodies." It did not, could not, in such a short time produce the skilled tradesmen to keep planes in the air. Shortage of radar and electronic technicians has "bottlenecked" operations. Maintenance has fallen off—and the risk of accidents increased.

On top of all this, the R.A.F. cannot get all the aircraft it needs—in spite of lowered standards and easier commissions. It all adds up to a pretty low state of morale.

Can you wonder at it—when the leadership is so remote from the problems of the Service, when equipment is inferior, when there has been so little in the way of a clear-headed policy to inspire the men?

Many of my old friends still in the R.A.F. now shrug their shoulders and say: "However help us if we had to fight the Battle of Britain today."



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EASTERN'S CUSTODIAN CLEARS



Eastern's custodian, Ying Pui-dor, jumps up to punch this dangerous shot away from Sing Tao's Chang Kam-hoi in this Senior Division match at the Club ground yesterday. Eastern won 3-2. Looking on are Eastern's Chu Wing-keung on ground and Chau Man-chi. — China Mail Photo.

Dodgers Subdue Yankees In Tense Struggle To Win World Series

By LEO H. PETERSON

New York, Oct. 4.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, behind the stout pitching of Johnny Podres, won their first World Series in eight tries today, when they defeated the New York Yankees 2-0 in the seventh and deciding game of the 1955 classic.

It was a great triumph for the Dodgers, but an even greater triumph for the 23-year-old southpaw, who turned back the mighty Yanks on eight hits before a roaring crowd of 62,466 in big Yankee Stadium.

Podres was in trouble time after time, some of those times on bad breaks, but he always managed to come up with what it took when danger beckoned.

And the power to give him his well-deserved triumph was supplied in the main by big first baseman Gil Hodges, while the defence it took to keep the Yankees away from the plate was supplied by left fielder Sandy Amoros.

His teammates swarmed all over Podres when he got trouble, outfielder Elston Howard to ground for the final out and end 55 years of frustration for the Dodgers.

BIGGEST BOX GATE
To make the series even more memorable from Brooklyn's standpoint, was the fact that the gross receipts were the highest in history, so when the Dodgers did finally crash through they won the biggest box gate series in history.

It was a tense, brilliant struggle, and the Yankees did not go down without a battle. Given a one-run lead in the fourth, Podres pitched as though that would be the only run he needed.

It turned out it was. But just for insurance, the Dodgers added a second run in the sixth. Both runs were driven in by Gil Hodges.

As against the eight hits given up by Podres, the Dodgers got only five of the Yankees hurlers, Byrne, Grim and

Turley, but these were enough for them. Podres had to go through a lot of anxious moments before he finally wrapped it up, for three of the Yankee hits against him were flukes.

One, a gift double by Yogi Berra, leading off the Yankee fourth, looked as though it might upset Podres, who on Friday had celebrated his 23rd birthday by beating the Yanks 8-3, at a time when the Dodgers were trailing in the series two games to none. But he bore down to get the next three batters.

GIFT SINGLE
Previously, Yankee third baseman Gil McDougald had got a gift single, but it retired the fourth, as he was going into third base to close out the Yankees in the third inning with two on base.

But the third gift hit loomed big. It came in the eighth when Rizzuto had led off with a single. After Billy Martin fled out, McDougald sent a ground ball toward third which looked like an easy out. But just as Don Hank, sitting for the injured Jackie Robinson, was set to field it, it bounced over his head for a single, Rizzuto scooting around to third.

But Podres, after throwing three balls to Berra, got the Yankee backstop on a short fly to Carl Furillo in right and then struck out Hank Bauer.

Amoros had saved Podres in the sixth. With Martin, who had walked, and McDougald, who had singled, on second and first, respectively, with none out yet, Berra lofted a fly ball near the left field foul line. Amoros stuck out his glove and caught it at the last minute, as Martin and McDougald were running.

Martin got back to second, but Amoros rifled a throw to Reese, who relayed it on to Hodges for a brilliant double play on

McDougald. That was all Podres needed for then he got Bauer on a ground ball to close it out.

So for the first time in a seven-game series, a ball club had come from behind after losing the first two games to win.—United Press.

COMBINED CHINESE XI SELECTED

At a meeting held at their new office at the Hongkong Football Stadium, the Chinese Football Association selected the following players to represent the Combined Chinese in their match against the Rest of Colony on October 10. The game will be played at the Club ground under floodlights at 8 p.m.

Wal Fat-kim (KMB), Lee Ping-chiu (Eastern), Lau Yee (Kitchee), Chan Fai-hung (Kitchee), Ko Po-keung (Eastern), Chau Man-chi (Eastern), Szeo Man (KMB), Ho Cheung-yau (South China), Chu Wing-keung (Eastern), Yiu Chouk-yin (South China), Mok Chun-wah (South China).
Reserves: Tam Nai-huen (Sing Tao), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Ng Koo-cheung (Kitchee), Szeo Yiu (KMB), Lau Chi-lam (Eastern), Law Kwok-in (Sing Tao), Young Wal-to (Sing Tao), Mr Lee Hang-lam (manager) and Mr Lai Shiu-wing (coach).

It was also decided that the Summer League Champions, South China, will play the Rest team on October 17 at Caroline Hill at 8 p.m.

The presentation of prizes will be held on the following evening at Tai Tung Restaurant. Mr K. Y. Yung presided at the meeting.

EASTERN 3, SING TAO 2

SING TAO SHOULD NEVER HAVE LOST THE GAME TO EASTERN YESTERDAY

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

Four fleet-footed youngsters, coaxed, coddled and curbed by an old walking soccer encyclopaedia struggling along on two sturdy legs that have long forgotten the flush of youth, exploded any myth of invincibility that may have surrounded this new Eastern team.

In virtually the closing seconds of the match Eastern's Kwok Ying-lok got a head touch on a high cross from the right and watched anxiously as the ball eluded the grasping fingers of gallant Tam Nai-huen to give his teammates a victory they never really deserved.

Whatever honours were taken out of this game were claimed by the Tigers. In spite of their unusual team formation, Honniball was at leftback and Ng Wal-man at centre-half, they set about the job in hand with spirit and purpose. Old maestro Chang Kam-hoi, who for no reason other than deception wore the number '9' jersey, took on the role of director of the front rank.

He prompted and coaxed his young colleagues to such good purpose that for long spells they made the much vaunted Eastern defence look very ordinary stuff indeed.

Even Ko Po-keung looked unhappy as he chased around after these fleetfooted youngsters but, great general that he is, he kept his head and made no vital errors.

GOOD VALUE

Ten thousand eager fans crowded into the Club Stadium for this important encounter. They got good value for their money without being served up with any abundance of classic play. Thrills there were, incidents aplenty, and good goals to crown the lot.

Here is the story of the goals. And strangely enough each one of them has a football moral attached.

Tigers drew first blood in the 25th minute when careless marking by Lee Kwok-wah allowed Wong Tak-fook to swing the ball away to the left wing.

The Eastern defenders, apparently under the impression that it would go out of play, gave up the chase. Yeung Wal-to however had other ideas and raced after it. He caught the ball in the nick of time, swung it back across the face of the goal and with the defence on the wrong foot Wong Tak-fook, racing in at top speed, bundled it into the net.

Ten minutes later the scores were level again. For the first and only time during the game Bobby Honniball was caught away out of position. From Hau Ching-to the ball went right across the field and Ho Ying-fun in glorious isolation met it first time to drive a beautiful ground shot into the far corner of the goal.

PENALTY GOAL

The score stayed unaltered until 14 minutes after the interval when Chan Kar-sau put

TEAMS FOR NRA POSTAL MATCHES

The following persons have been elected by the Hongkong Rifle Association Competition Sub-Committee to represent Hongkong in the 1955 annual NRA Overseas Postal Matches.

S.R. (b) Team

A. N. Robinson, Wm. Mackey Gillies, H. J. Orpen-Smelley, Wm. K. Y. Ba, K. C. Ho, T. Buckley, A. C. Clarke, J. P. Baleros and Mrs J. Orpen-Smelley.

S.R. (a) Team

E. J. Solomon, E. M. Ensoi, J. C. Wilkins, A. Blackshaw, J. W. Morley, J. Morgan, Dalabandur Pun (2/2 GR), Umanath Limbu (2/2 GR), and Minbahadur Gunung (2/2 GR).

The shooting will take place at Stonecutters Rifle Range on Saturday, October 8. The boat will leave the Kowloon new Public Pier at 8 a.m. sharp.

Eastern ahead by converting a penalty kick awarded when Ng Wal-man pulled down Chau Wing-keung on the six yards line. Tam Nai-huen got his hands to the ball but was unable to stop it from entering the net.

At this stage the crowd seemed to expect Eastern to take full command. How wrong they were! The Tigers were still far from beaten and in exactly one minute they were on level terms again.

Chan Kar-sau was correctly penalised for pushing an opponent. The free-kick was awarded near the centreline, but as many of the Eastern players should have known that isn't too far out for Flash Harry.

Taking the kick he sent a perfect shot across the goal and unmarked Wong Kwok-kee was all on his own as he headed the ball wide of Yong Poy-do's right hand. There was a prolonged exchange of black looks among the Eastern defenders, but there was plenty of blue to give them all a fair share.

The game was now alive again with a vengeance and it was the under-dog Tigers who were calling the tune. Their every flashing raid on the Eastern goal had a sense of danger that was never present in the more orthodox attacks of the over elegant opposition.

Yong Poy-do made a couple of grand saves around this time to keep his team on level terms. Just when it seemed the result would be a draw, Kwok Ying-lok got the winning goal at a time when the referee was on the point of drawing breath to blow the final out.

It was a dejected group of Tigers who trooped off the field and there is little doubt that Eastern's jubilation will be tempered with the realisation that on this form they are no Champions.

Lee Ping-chiu was slow and cumbersome at right back and Lee Kwok-wah lacked the class to fit into a line-up like this.

Chan Kar-sau is back in form and KMB could do with his skill and enthusiasm in their side at the moment. Chow Man-chi—fortunate to escape serious censure for a first half indiscretion—and Ko Po-keung played well when in possession but were often beaten by the sheer speed of the opposition.

Up front the forwards all did good things, and some that were not nearly so good, but

Sports Dairy

TODAY

1st Division: Army v KMB (CE) at 3.40 p.m.

2nd Division: Army v KMB (SKP); St Joseph's v South China (Navy). Both matches at 4 p.m.

Entries close for the HKAAA meeting.

TOMORROW

HKRA Executive Committee meeting at 7th floor, Marina House.

Soccer

1st Division: Kitchee v CAA (CE), Kwong Wah v Police (Club), Sing Tao v St Joseph's (SKP) all matches at 4.40 p.m.

2nd Division: Kitchee v CAA (Navy), Tung Wah v Police (BS), NAP v Club (SKP), 6 p.m.

the most consistent of the lot was wily old stager Ho Ying-fun.

Tigers whose stripes will gleam brighter after this showing were Hau Yung-sang, Honniball, Ng Wal-man, and maestro Chang Kam-hoi and his male quartet of lively young forwards.

VERDICT

Sing Tao did not deserve to lose this game. They have however shown others how this Eastern side should be played. There was an awful lot of whistle solo from Referee Jack Shepherd. At the start of the season I commented on the wisdom to decide between right and justice. Here was the perfect example. In most cases the referee was technically right, but his decision did not always represent soccer justice....

TEAMS

Sing Tao: Tam Nai-huen, Hau Yung-sang, Honniball, Lo Kam-chuen, Ng Wal-man, Lee Loy, Yeung Wal-to, Wong Tak-fook, Chang Kam-hoi, Wong Kwok-kee, Lee Tak-tung.

Eastern: Yong Poy-do, Lee Ping-chiu, Chan Kar-sau, Chow Man-chi, Ko Po-keung, Lee Kwok-wah, Ho Ying-fun, Lau Chi-lam, Kwok Ying-lok, Chu Wing-keung, Hau Ching-to.

NZ Team To Play First Test At Hyderabad

Bombay, Oct. 4.

The first Test between the touring New Zealand cricketers and India will be played at Hyderabad instead of Kanpur, according to the final programme for the tour.

This was announced here today by the Maharaj Kumar of Vizianagram, President of the Indian Cricket Control Board.

New Zealand will play 10 matches including five Tests on the following dates:

Nov 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 at Hyderabad; Dec 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 at Bombay; Dec 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 at Delhi; Dec 30, 31, Jan 3, 4 at Calcutta; Jan. 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 at Madras.

The other matches of three days duration are: versus Combined Services and Maharashtra team, Poona, Nov. 15, 16, 17, versus South Zone at Bangalore, Nov. 26, 27, 28, versus Indian XI at Uttar Pradesh (venue not yet fixed) Dec. 23, 24, 25. Versus Universities at Nagpur, Jan. 13, 14, 15.—China Mail Special.

French Withdraw From Britannia Shield Tourney

London, Oct. 4.

France, the holders, withdrew today from the whole of the Britannia Shield sports competitions.

Last night five of the boxers refused to submit to judging by Amateur Boxing Association officials and demanded three neutral judges. This was refused and so the boxers would not contest the semi-finals. Subsequently the French team withdrew from the other events—shooting, swimming and fencing.—China Mail Special.



The Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week is a little overcrowded as we welcome the large party of soldier swimmers of all ranks and ages who took part in the Annual Cross Harbour Swim on Sunday.

The swim was carried out in what was officially termed 'favourable' conditions but to the casual onlooker it seemed that the current and the wind must have added to the swimmers' task.

The Army representatives acquitted themselves well and, although they did not get quite as high in the final placings as last year, they showed the right spirit in taking part.

CRICKET SEASON

The cricket season has now got under way and the immediate reaction of the Army officials is one of quiet optimism. The meeting of South and North in the opening League game gave the various selectors a quick chance to balance their prospects and first impressions are that South are for the moment at least, the stronger all-round side.

Opening bat, Capt Bill Watt, has apparently found just the sort of partner he needs in Lt. Bodson of the RAMC and a former captain of the London Hospital cricket team. Together they gave their side a fine start in the game last Saturday and there looks to be plenty of runs in the partnership.

There was satisfaction too with the bowling and both Craftsman Nash, who bowls fast right arm, and 2/Lt Morton with his slow left arm deliveries, showed accuracy and variety in their efforts.

If the South-North game is a reliable indication of things to come it would seem that North's greatest need is additional strength in the batting department. The team captain, Major Howard-Dobson, is an established batsman who can get runs under most conditions and against most types of opposition, but what is probably more important in League cricket is that he can get them at a good rate. He must have support in this from the other batsmen.

Runs thick and fast are essential if a team is to have a real chance to force a clear-cut decision, and the captain will need more enterprise from the other batsmen if his own run-getting is to show its real worth.

A further indication of the potential strength of the South batsmen was given on Sunday when Major Chubb's XI met the Occasionals. Two South batsmen, 2/Lts Carr and Carruthers, scored 66 and 64 respectively.

SECOND DIVISION

The Second Division meeting of South 'B' and North 'B' also provided some good cricket balance, an on the spot comment was that it looked as though neither team has really settled down, and it would therefore be unfair at this stage to comment in detail.

South are particularly fortunate to have such an experienced and accomplished cricketer as Lt.-Col. P.L.E. Wood in the side. His great knowledge of the game and his enthusiasm for it will be of the greatest advantage, not only to his side, but to Army cricket in general.

There seems no doubt that there is going to be some good cricket in the Army set-up again this season and the current champions, KCC, may be hard pushed to retain their title.

There is a whopper in local military circles that one of Portsmouth's star amateur soccer players may be on his way to Hongkong very soon. He is one by the name of Davies and he has been playing recently in the star-studded Army team in the United Kingdom.

Such a player would be very welcome in Army football quarters in the Colony.

Recently I mentioned that the athletic organization in

Water Polo Victory For Hongkong Army

News was received here this morning that the Hongkong Army team won the WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP by defeating the Singapore team by the score of 5-1.

Macao had extended an invitation to the Army authorities to take part in a meeting in the Portuguese Colony on November 20 and 27. With the frequent changes in personnel that go on in Hongkong the Army is looking to the forthcoming Open Meeting, which the HKAAA is holding at Boundary Street on Sunday October 16, as an ideal opportunity to see our athletes in action.

The meeting is providing a full programme of events for men and women and entry forms are available from the S.O.P.T. at HQ Land Forces. The demand for forms has so far been a little disappointing although there has been some increased activity in the last few days. Incidentally the trip to Macao could be a most interesting one as the suggested days coincide with the annual visit of the Colony hockey sides.

INDIFFERENT START

With but a solitary point from three games the Army soccer team has once again made an indifferent start to the season. The game against the Police on Sunday gave promise of better things to come, however, and the players are now showing signs of getting over their initial strangeness.

One of the big disappointments so far has been the unexpected loss of confidence by goalkeeper Lewis who did not play in the pre-season games and in training. There is little doubt that he will soon play himself out of his present uncertainty.

The star of the side against the Police was Birmingham City's Tpr Mullett of the 7th Hussars who was having his first game in the senior list. Playing at left half and faced with a strong challenge from Moss, one of the best inside-forwards in the Colony, Mullett turned in a grand display which has earned him a place in the Rest side to play the Combined Chinese in the annual Double Tenth charity match.

Both 'A' and 'B' teams will be in action this afternoon against KMB sides. The Senior teams meet at the Club Stadium at 5.30 p.m. and the Junior League game at Caroline Hill at 6 o'clock.

TEAMS

The 'A' line-up will be as follows:—Charlesworth (27 Lt Bly RA), Hogan (27 Lt Bly RA), Champion (14 Fd Regt RA), Hadden (14 Fd Regt RA), Robson (24 Fd Engrs), Mullett (7 Hussars), Small (Diet W/Shops), McInnes (24 Fd Engrs), Morris (6 COD), White (1 King's Own) and McClay (HK Sig Regt) or McLaughlin (1 King's Own). Reserve:—Dow (24 Fd Engrs).

The 'B' team will be represented by the following players:—Lewis (8 Coy RASC), Hearn and Fawcett (11th Fd Engrs), Tolt (11th Fd Engrs), Ashworth (11th Lt W/Shops), Parsons (Cnd W/Shops), Watson (18 Fd Amb), Smith (24 Fd Engrs), Chambers (27 HAA Regt RA), McMillan (6 COD), (27 HAA Regt RA).

The following reserves have been selected:—Mulheed (6 COD), Ingram (16 Med Regt RA), Sgt Chesterman (RAPC).

There is a shortage of Basketball referees in the Colony at the moment and in order to overcome it a course for officials is being run late in October. Full particulars of the course will be circulated in the near future. The League programme will not start until after the course has been completed.

There has been a very good entry for the Inter-Unit Football League. Thirteen teams will compete in the Major Units competition, while thirty-five Minor Units will play in a three-section League tournament. I shall give full particulars of the League next week.

...and finally a call to budding soccer referees. An Examination for the Class III Certificate will be held at Victoria Sports Ground on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Anyone who is interested in taking the examination is asked to appear at 10.15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Sports Ground, 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

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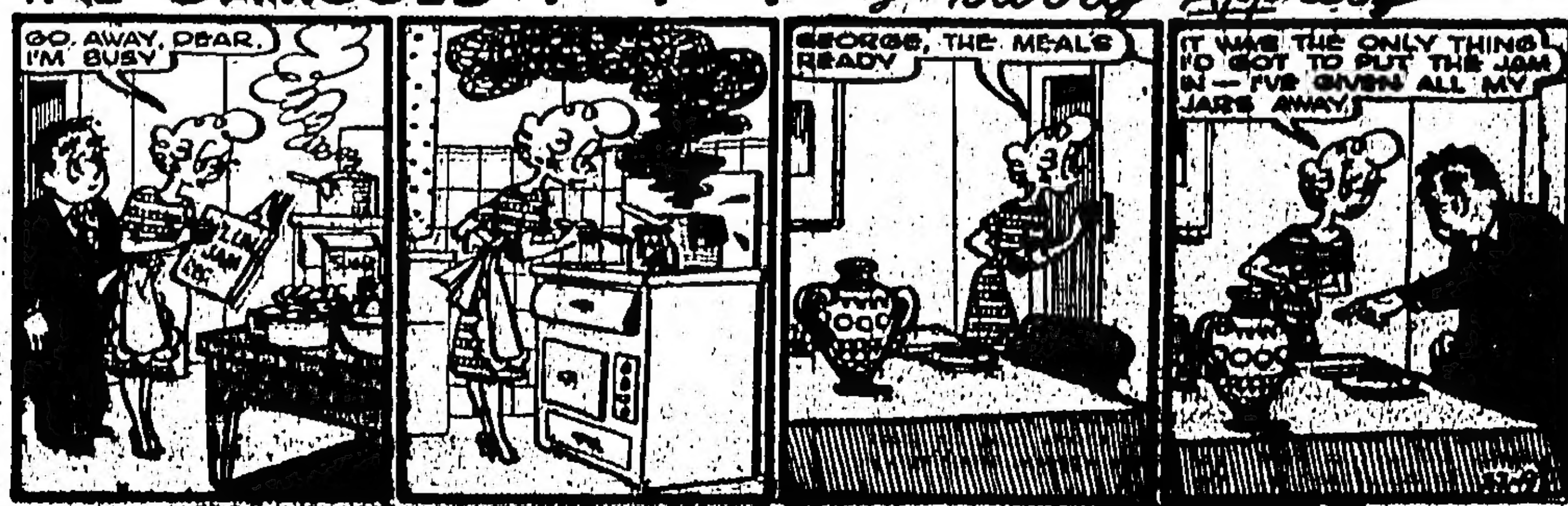
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Swedes Move A £500,000 Workers' Town Bodily

By Muriel Penn

Porjus, Swedish Lapland, Oct. 4:

A workers' town which cost 7,000,000 crowns (nearly £500,000) to build some ten years ago, is being moved bodily from Porjus, the small town in Lapland which has become famous as one of Sweden's big hydro-electric power centres.

For here at Porjus and downstream on the Great Lulea river, three successive dams in less than 20 kilometres (about 12 miles) today provide power which is sent south to Stockholm, Gothenburg and Helsingborg, and north to Kiruna, where it provides current for the famous open cast iron mines.

The story of Porjus itself goes back to the years immediately preceding World War II, when a dam was built across the Great Lulea river to harness a tumultuous waterfall and utilise the waters which tumble down from the mountains of Lapland, to produce power for the surrounding villages and Kiruna, some 100 miles to the north. Behind that dam today is a lake which stretches ten Swedish miles (50 English miles) back into the mountains, along the broad valley with water as far as eye can see.

After World War II, came a second dam, harnessing the mighty Harspranget waterfall. It was for the workers on this power station, built almost entirely underground in the years 1945-52, that the workers' town was erected.

Finally, there is the smaller, Lilla project which is just completed and where the water from the same river is utilised to drive turbines for the third time in a distance of about 12 miles.

Because the site was lonely, the climate severe, and they were miles from any centre which could provide the amenities of education and amusement which modern civilisation has led people to expect as a right, the workers' town at Porjus was provided with everything the planners could think of.

In addition to a good range of well stocked shops, it had its own schools—two of them—its own Post Office, a church, a cottage hospital, a cinema, a community centre for dancing, playing cards, indoor games and so on, a canteen, a laundry and even Finnish steam baths.

Street upon street of small one-family houses went up, some in brick, but most of them, with an eye to the future, in wood.

For these timber houses which are very popular, especially among small owners, builders in Sweden are largely pre-fabricated. Walls, roofs, interior partitions etcetera are delivered ready for erection. All the purchaser has to do is to put them in position, lock them together firmly and paint them.

They have the added advantage that if the owner has to move, he can literally take his house with him.

So now, at Porjus, the homes which have housed some 1,800 workers are being dismantled and taken away. Those which belong to the workers are going along with them—indeed, many have already gone—to their next place of work.

BELONG TO STATE
The great majority of them here, however, belong ultimately to the State—since the power stations were built by the State electricity authority—and these will be taken to another, similar site, where work is about to start, and re-erected for the workers there.

When the great removal is over, all that will be left of the workers' town of Porjus will be about 200 permanent brick houses which will be occupied by the men who are employed at one of other of the power stations. The 200 families hope that one of the schools, too, may be left for the benefit of their children, but that is not yet sure.

Meanwhile, already this "satellite town" is beginning to present a scene of desolation. In its once trim streets, there are gaping holes where only the usual debris left in the wake of a removal flutters uncertainly in the breeze. In some cases, even the foundations on which the house once stood have been levelled.

Some rows of houses are still fully occupied. There are bright with geraniums and other flowers in the windows and on the porches. In the garden behind these, there are still swings for the children, and washing on the line.

In contrast, are these already forsaken. Their erstwhile tenants have left to find a new job and they have the un-cared for, deserted look of an empty house.

REINDEER BACK

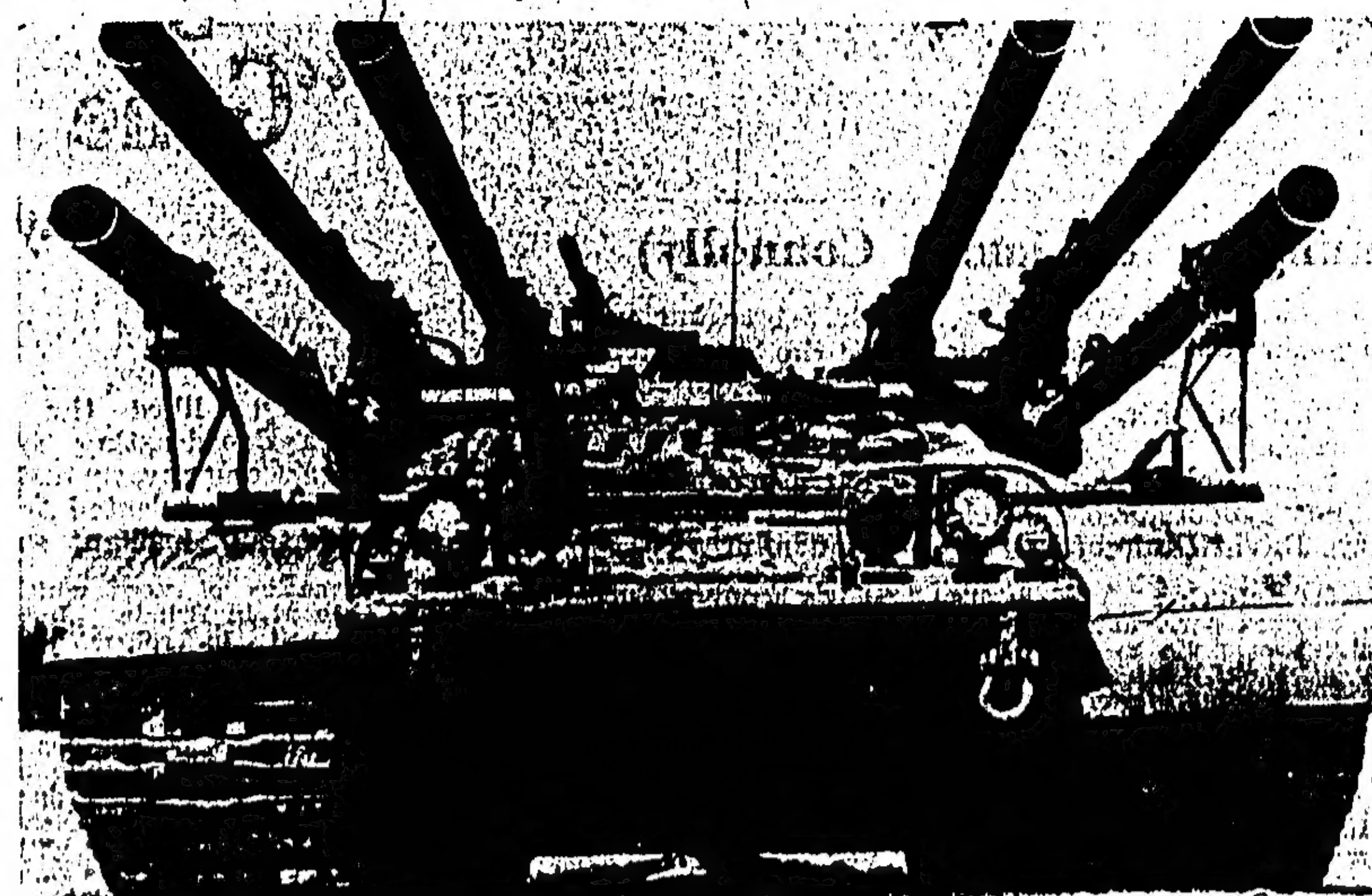
But when all is done, it will not be long before the scars are healed. The forest of dwarf Arctic pines and the first in which the settlement was built, will again take over and in the winter, the reindeer herds belonging to the Lapps in the area will again scratch away the snow in search of the special moss which is their sole food.

This year, there are more reindeer than usual left in the forest. The winter was so severe that they were unable to reach their moss and many of the animals were too weak when spring came to migrate into the high mountains with the main herds.

By the time they had recovered, the ice on the rivers had melted and the melting snow had so swollen all the streams that they could not cross them to rejoin their herd.—China Mail Special.

UNDERGROUND CAR PARK

Six-Shooter—1955 Style



Latest weapon scheduled to appear in the armoury of the US Marine Corps is the Ontos, pictured above, a lightly armoured anti-tank vehicle. It mounts six 106 mm. recoilless rifles. Ontos, incidentally, is a Greek word meaning "The Thing."—Daily Express Photo.

Servants Scarce In Spain

Madrid, Oct. 4.

The shortage of domestic servants in Spain is increasing, according to newspaper reports here.

Reasons for this, it is claimed, are that 592,000 more women are at work in industry than in 1940, and that the average number of children in the Spanish family dropped from 4.04 in 1930 to 3.08 in 1950.

Many servants, too, emigrate to Britain and other European nations where domestic help is scarce.—China Mail Special.

Soviet Refused Programme Time By Jap Radio

Tokyo, Oct. 4.

The Nippon Broadcasting Company, one of Japan's major commercial stations, has refused to sell any of its radio time to advertise Soviet publications and gramophone records.

A distributor of Soviet publications in Tokyo was turned down when he applied for a 30 minute programme featuring Soviet music and advertising the magazine "Soviet Union."—China Mail Special.

The Brenner Pass Widened

Brennero, North Italy, Oct. 4.

Work has begun on the road through the Brenner Pass, one of the main highways across the Alps from Italy to Austria and Germany, to ease a worsening traffic problem.

With completion of the second road, traffic will be split into two one-way lanes to cut jams among over-increasing motor traffic from the north.

A similar doubling is expected to begin shortly on the Austrian side of the pass.—China Mail Special.

Paris Firms Compete For Big Prize

By James Norris

Paris, Oct. 4.

About 50 French constructional engineering firms are taking part in a 16,200,000-franc (£16,200) prize competition aimed at finding the best plans for nine underground car parks in various parts of the city of Paris.

The Paris City Council announced the competition at the end of July 1955, and invited entries by September 1.

About 50 entries had been received by the closing date.

The competition was restricted to architects and engineers of French nationality.

During its autumn session, the special commission which controls the competition will draw up a short list of competitors based on financial references and other records supplied at the time of entry.

The first prize for each of the nine car park plans will be 1,000,000 francs (about £1,000); the second prize will be 500,000 francs (about £500), and the third prize 300,000 francs (about £300). The winner of the first prize for each car park plan will not, however, receive the prize money unless the City Council falls to award him the building contract within two years of announcing the result of the competition.

SCALE MAP

Those on the short list will receive, later this year, a list of the sites chosen for the nine underground car parks, a scale (1:500) map of each site, showing existing installations above and below the surface, and details of traffic density in the area. They will also receive a copy of the contract which the prize-winner would be expected to make with the City Council for the construction and financial exploitation of the car park.

The City Council envisages another 30 underground car parks in the Paris area if the first nine prove a success. Sites of the first nine will be:

(1) The Carrousel Gardens—beneath the little Arc de Triomphe, at the eastern end of the magnificent vista stretching from the Etoile along the Champs Elysees, through the Place de la Concorde and the Tuilleries Gardens to the Louvre Palace. The City Council suggests three floors to hold a total of 1,800 cars.

(2) The Square Louvois—close to the Paris Bourse and the Bibliotheque Nationale, with five floors to hold 600 cars.

(3) Square Emile Chautemps—just off the busy Boulevard Sebastopol which runs from the Seine to the Gare du Nord. A 5-floor garage on this site could hold about 945 cars.

(4) Square du Temple—a little to the east of the Square Emile Chautemps with four floors to hold 1,600 cars.

(5) Saint Merri—at the junction of three roads near the Hotel de Ville (the City Hall), with five floors to hold 1,600 cars.

(6) Champs Elysees—a two storey car-park beneath the famous boulevard could hold 1,500 cars.

(7) Parc Monceau—a small west-end park. A five-storey garage under the park could hold 1,800 cars.

(8) Place de la Trinite—between the Gare St Lazare and the Place Pigalle, with four floors to accommodate 600 cars.

(9) Cours Albert Premier—a long two-floor car park beneath the quays, between the Alma bridge and the Invalides bridge over the Seine could hold 1,500 cars.

Preliminary studies by geologists and engineers attached to the City Council established the provisional figures given in the list of sites.

OWN SURVEYS

According to these studies, the nine underground car parks could hold a total of 11,925 vehicles. But competitors are free to make their own surveys, and the final figures may well be very different. According to the competition rules, the entries will be judged on the basis of technical, aesthetic and financial merit.

All prize-winning plans will be the exclusive property of the City Council, which will be free to modify them and to incorporate material from plans submitted by winners of second and third prizes. Winners of first prizes will be bound to accept the City Council's modifications to the plans which they have submitted.

Competitors will be asked to submit the following data to the Council's technical branch:

(1) A general plan on a scale of 1:200, showing the position of the car park and its entrances, and its horizontal and vertical boundaries.

(2) A plan on a scale of 1:100, showing the underground floor or floors.

(3) Sectional plans across the length and breadth of the car park.

(4) Details of access to the car-park.

(5) Specifications of materials to be used and the type of mechanism envisaged for conveying the cars between the floors.

(6) An estimate of the constructional works planned, and of the alterations to neighbouring installations made necessary by the car park. An outline of measures required to restore the surface to its original form after the car park has been built.

(7) Estimates and other calculations showing how the car park would work.

(8) Written details of the sketches and illustrations, including an estimate of the time needed for completion of the car park.

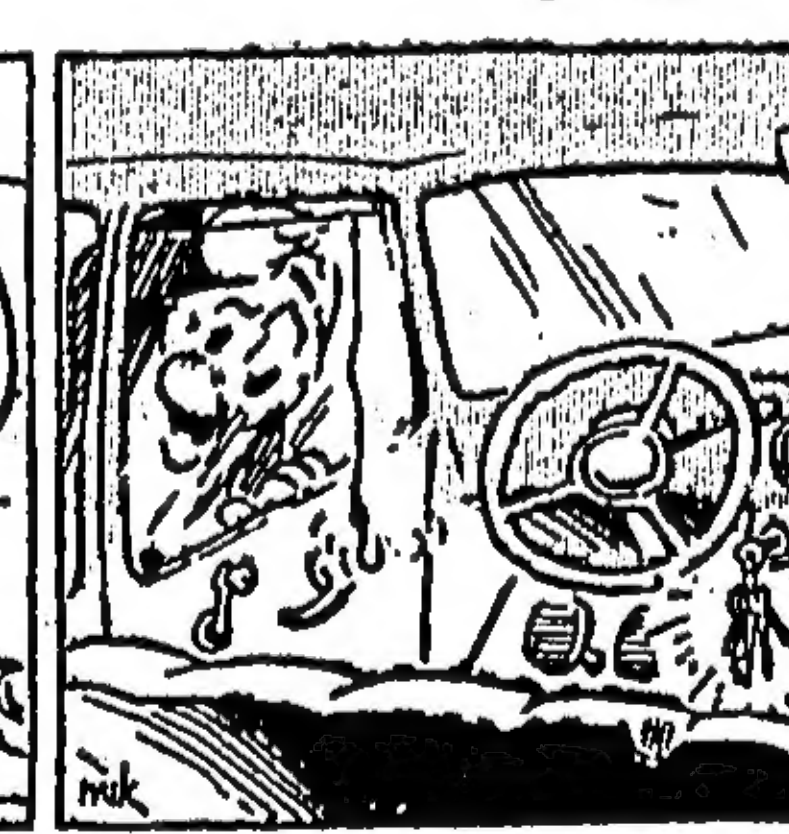
(9) Details of building costs, and of estimating the power when the car park is complete.

(10) Agreements to set up a company with sufficient capital to ensure construction, and to enter into a contract with the City Council in the event of winning a first prize.—China Mail Special.

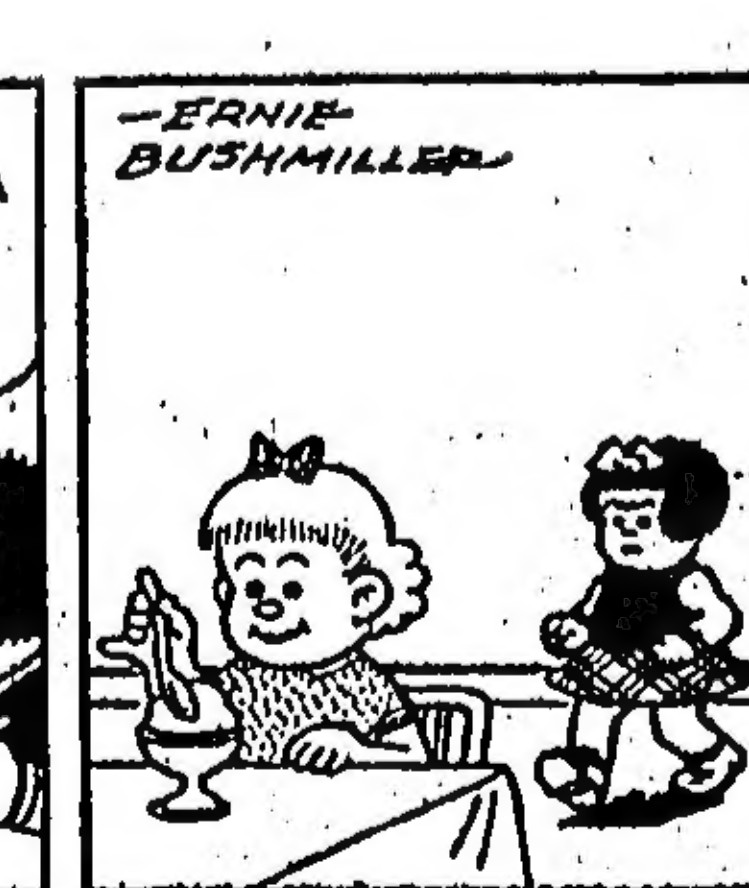
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